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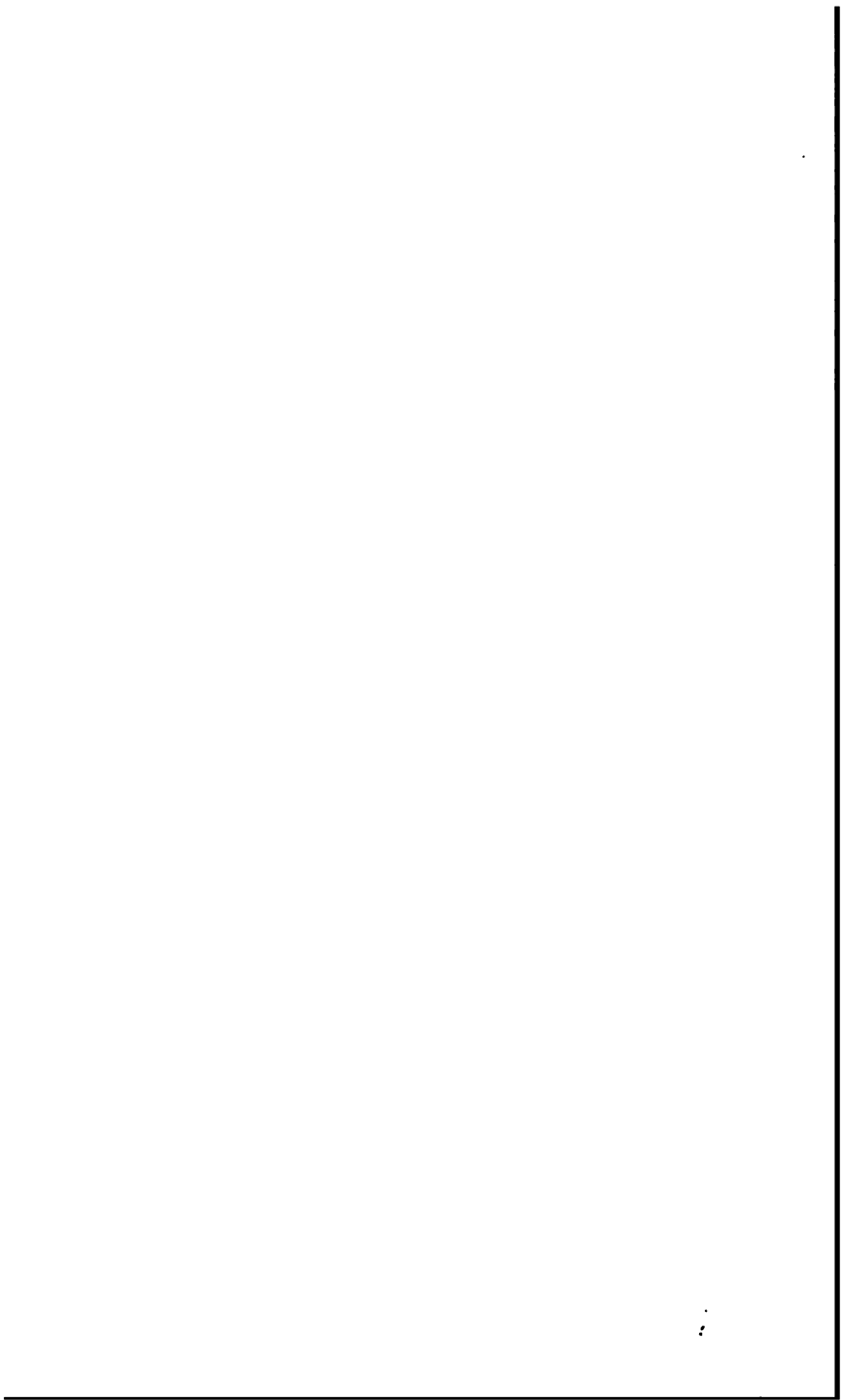
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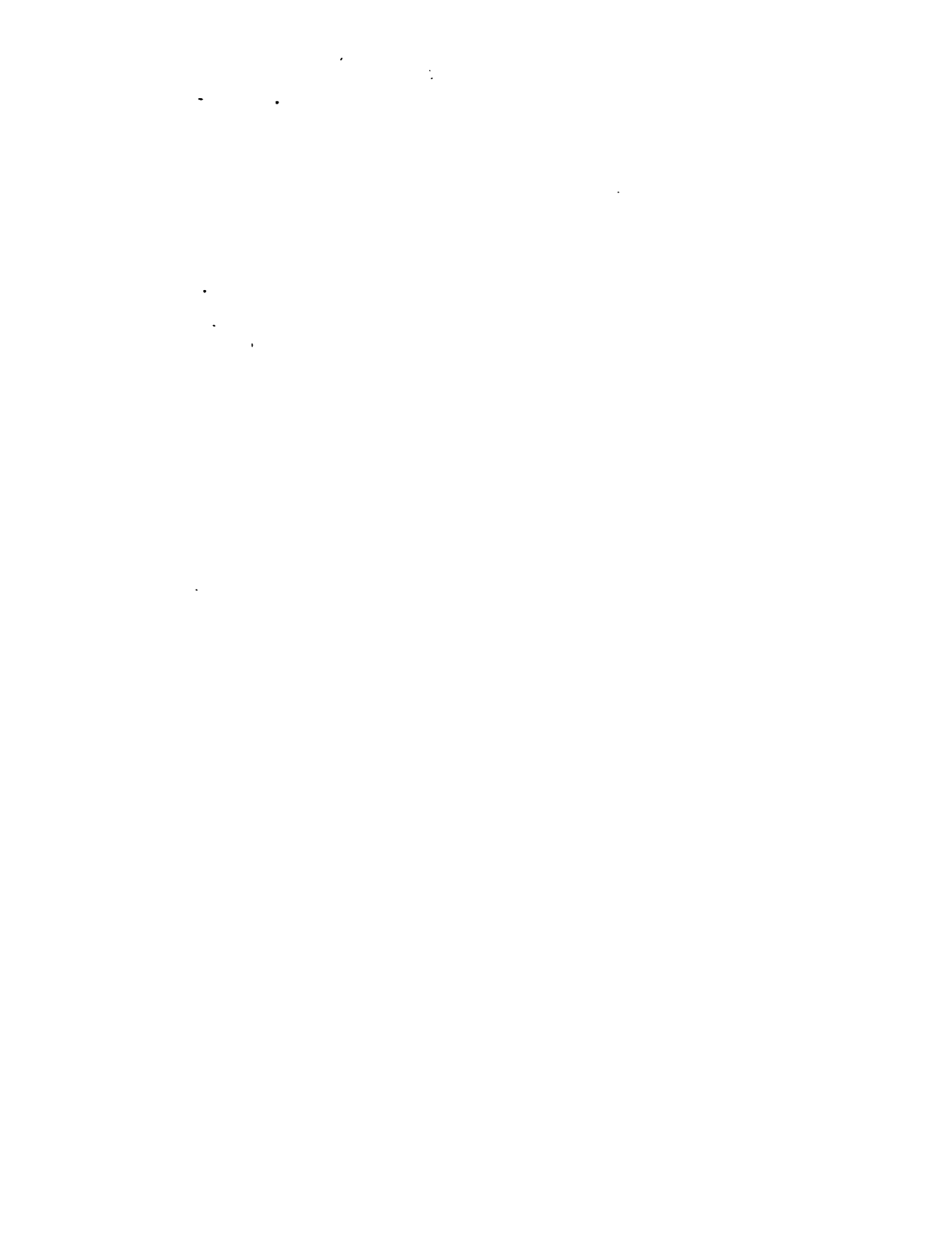


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## PROVINCE GAMMA CONVENTION.

The recent biennial convention of Province Gamma which met at Winston-Salem, N. C., in the latter part of December was a grand success and worthily sustained the reputation made by the Gamma-Epsilon conventions of the past four years.

From the moment that the visiting men were assured, by Rev. H. E. Rondthaler in his address of welcome, that the keys to all homes in the city had been thrown away, until H. F. Shaffner bade all farewell at the close of the banquet, the boys were at home, and, being at home, proceeded to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

The Winston-Salem Sigs gave up their positions, almost, and early and late they were seen around the Hotel Phoenix, the convention headquarters, mixing with the boys and doing their best to make pleasant the stay of the members of the convention.

The one feature of the convention, if there were any pleasures greater than the rest, was the presence of F. C. Furlow, Eminent Supreme Archon, and his bride. Brother Furlow was married in Atlanta the night before the convention and came direct to Winston-Salem, and remained two days the guest of the resident *Σ Α Ε's*. Many social functions resulted because of their visit, and the hotel parlors were often thronged by the ladies of the city who called to pay their respects to the latest acquisition to our fraternity.

The social features of the convention were very nu-



merous and delightful. On the night of December 27, a reception was given in the parlors of the Phoenix Hotel complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Furlow, and two hundred of the élite of the city were present, the entire number being composed solely of *S' A E's* and their lady friends. The guests were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Furlow by Chas. G. Hill of Winston-Salem. The Italian orchestra discoursed sweet music, and the assembled throng, which crowded every possible space, made a picture long to be remembered. Refreshments were served, and dancing was indulged in by a few.

On Thursday night the parlors of the Twin City Club were thrown wide open, and the convention was its guest. Thirty couples formed in line and marched off to a *S' A E* "Rag-time" played by the orchestra, which was hired for the convention.

Thursday noon a dinner party was given at the Elk Café in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Furlow, by H. P. Brown. The same afternoon all the boys took a tally-ho ride and passed favorable judgment on the city of which they were guests.

Friday night came the end of the convention, with the banquet, which was held at the Elk Café. A departure from banquet rules, which was a happy one, was the presence of about thirty young ladies. Throughout the evening the band played and added much to the inspiration supplied by fraternal good-will and the presence of the ladies. The following was the toast list :

Toast-master ..... H. F. Shaffner

" Once more the banquet hall we throng;  
Once more the night we wake with glee;  
Once more the cup, once more the song,  
And one more song for S. A. E."

Our Visiting Brethren ..... A. H. Eller

" With whom each sovereign good dwells separate."

Province Gamma..... E. E. Pomeroy

“Hand grasps hand, eye lights eye in good friendship, and great hearts expand and grow one in the sense of this world's life.”

The Fraternity..... W. Neyle Colquitt

“We live not South, as some may jest,  
We live not North nor East nor West.  
For north and south, from sea to sea,  
Give of the first to S. A. E.  
To S. A. E. of all their best.”

Our Alumni..... R. D. W. Connor

“He who has a thousand friends  
Has not a friend to spare.”

Ladies ..... H. B. Carreker

“‘Vanity, all is vanity!’ said Wisdom, scorning me.  
I clasped my true love's tender hand and answered,  
frank and free,  
‘If this be vanity, who'd be wise,  
Vanity, let it be.’”

Σ A E Enthusiasm..... H. G. Connor, Jr

“Let all the crowned arise, proclaim,  
Our Frat. the one that's blessed.”

Impromptu .....

Good-night ..... Toast-master

“To all, to each, a fair good-night,  
And pleasant dreams and slumbers light.”

The business part of the convention was no less successful than the social. Every phase of chapter and province existence was discussed and much good was accomplished.

The convention was called to order at 3:30 P. M., December 27th, in the Knights of Pythias hall, and all the Winston-Salem members were present. Rev. H. C. Rondthaler welcomed the visiting men in a happy, pleasant vein, and H. G. Connor, Jr., in his inimitable way, responded. Committees on Credentials and Permanent Organization were given work, and the convention took a recess to await their report. When the ses-

sion was again called to order, the reports were accepted and the work of the convention mapped out. After some discussion the first session adjourned.

The last two sessions of the convention were perhaps the most businesslike of any sessions that have ever been held in the Province. Committees on Finance, State of the Order, Revision of By-Laws, and Time and Place of next Meeting were appointed and their reports were highly interesting. The financial condition of the Province was shown to be in fine condition, and the reports of the Treasurers, showing a neat cash balance, were audited.

The Province was shown to be in good condition by President Pomeroy's report, and a few suggestions by the State of the Province Committee were accepted. The Time and Place Committee decided to leave the fate of the next convention in the hands of the Province Council, with power to act. The Committee on By-Laws did not fail to make itself felt, and proposed amendments galore, that occupied the convention for hours. The financial system was changed and put on a businesslike basis; chapter letters, chapter reports, celebration of Founder's Day, provisions for "summer rushing," and other reforms were adopted. The report of this committee, with one or two minor changes, was accepted.

The reading of the President's report consumed some little time, as it dealt at length with the past, present and future of the Province. The report of Secretary and Treasurer J. Adair Lyon, who was unavoidably prevented from attending the convention, was read and adopted, as was also ex-Treasurer Pomeroy's report.

A general discussion by chapters was called for, and nearly every chapter responded. Conditions and experiences were exchanged; in the exchange new ideas

arose and every member was benefited. In this discussion several of the alumni, who attended each session, took part.

At the Thursday morning session an hour was set apart for an address by our Eminent Supreme Archon. A history of the fraternity was given, and also of the Province. The address was listened to intently by all present, and the speaker was frequently applauded.

Telegrams of good-will were exchanged with Epsilon Province, in convention at Knoxville, Tenn., and messages were also received from Geo. D. Kimball, J. Adair Lyon, and from a Georgia triumvirate of Sigs—Ficklin, Colvin and Walker.

After the last session a large group picture of the convention was taken. Several members left for their homes before the end of the convention, and therefore missed being in the picture.

R. D. W. Connor was chairman of the Arrangement Committee, and C. W. Hewitt, Jr., acted as secretary to the convention in the absence of Secretary Lyon.

The convention adjourned, *sine die*, at 1:45 P. M. Friday, December 23th.

No longer can conventions in Gamma Province be said to be experimental. They are the means of accomplishing many matters of vital interest to the individual chapters; and, furthermore, result in the gathering together of men who have known each other by reputation, and who need only to know each other personally to bring about better results to their chapters, the Province, the whole fraternity and to themselves individually.

The Winston-Salem convention, which before the gathering "must be a success," was, after adjournment, "a decided success."

E. E. POMEROY.

**PROVINCE EPSILON CONVENTION.**

The third biennial convention of Province Epsilon is now a matter of history and pleasant memories. Though this convention was not so large as the two preceding joint Gamma-Epsilon conventions, yet it was preeminently a success. It was harmonious, enthusiastic and profitable. Fun and business were so mingled that every minute of the time was pleasantly and profitably spent.

The first meeting of the convention was the smoker on Wednesday evening, the 27th, at 8 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Tully R. Cornick, Jr., who introduced John B. Wright. In a few chosen words, Brother Wright welcomed the delegates to the city of Knoxville, and to the homes and hearts of the Sig Alphas of that city. He closed by proposing a health to the visiting brothers, which toast was responded to "with a right good-will."

Frank A. Gamble, President of the Province, then responded to the welcome on behalf of the visiting delegates, closing with a proposition to drink a toast to the Knoxville Sig Alphas. Then the meeting was declared informal. The enthusiastic speeches, the delightful informality, and the good cheer of that meeting cannot be described. One has to attend one of these smokers at a Sigma Alpha Epsilon convention before he can fully appreciate what a real good time means. A light luncheon was served, and of course there was plenty of punch and cigars. It was long after midnight when the meeting broke up with a good-night toast by Brother James W. Young. This was the most enthusiastic, and perhaps the most pleasant, meeting of the convention.

The first business session of the convention was called to order at 10:30 Thursday morning by President



at 10:30 A.M. Friday. At this meeting the reports of the several committees were taken up, discussed and adopted.

The Committee on State of the Province heartily indorsed the report of the President, and, among other things, recommended the holding of State gatherings and joint initiations whenever practicable.

The Committee on Publications recommended the publication of an annual similar to that published by Province Alpha, which recommendation was adopted. It also offered a resolution urging the National Convention, which meets in Boston in 1900, to restore the Phi Alpha to its former scope and plan, which was unanimously carried.

The joint committee on By-Laws and Finance made several important recommendations of a secret nature, all of which, after being thoroughly discussed pro and con, were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Time and Place of next meeting, recommending Birmingham, Ala., for the place, and December 26 and 27, 1901, for the time, was unanimously adopted.

A resolution was passed thanking Tennessee Kappa and the Knoxville alumni for their uniform kindness, untiring energy, and unbounded hospitality.

The election of officers for the next two years being the next business in order, the following were chosen : For President, Frank A. Gamble ; for Vice-President, Tully R. Cornick, Jr. ; for Secretary-Treasurer, Geo. D. Booth. Brother Booth was also elected Editor-in-Chief of the proposed annual. After some other routine work the convention adjourned *sine die*, with a rousing " Phi Alpha Alicazee," etc.

Friday afternoon was spent by the delegates in "doing" Knoxville. They visited the University of

Tennessee and other places of interest during the afternoon.

Friday night was devoted to the banquet. To say that it was a success would put it too mildly. The menu was good, the speeches exceptionally fine, and the crowd a thoroughly congenial one. The following is the toast list :

Toast-master .....	Howard Cornick
Our Fraternity .....	James W. Young
Our Alumni .....	Frank A. Gamble
Σ A E in the Future .....	Geo. D Booth
Σ A E in the Past .....	W. J. Evans
The Ladies .....	Tully R. Cornick, Jr
Our Province. ....	John O. Ely
Our Fraternity in the War. ....	J. W. Wright
Good-night .....	Toast-master

It was after midnight when the toast-master, in one of the best speeches of the evening, bade us good-night, and we joined hands and sang "Good-night, Brothers." Thus ended a most enthusiastic and successful convention of Province Epsilon of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

FRANK A. GAMBLE.

#### PROVINCE ETA CONVENTION.

The Biennial Convention of Province Eta of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was held in Denver, Colorado, at the parlors of the Albany Hotel, on Friday, January 5th, 1900. The work and results of the convention need to be summarized, before the convention is described, by the terms unity and energy. The whole Province life is to be strengthened by it. The attendance was large and the enthusiasm very marked.

President Webster called the convention to order in the Albany parlors at 10 A. M. of the day given. In addition to the delegates, active men and alumni were



present in large numbers. As delegates, there came, besides President Webster and Acting Secretary White, Colorado Chi's men from the State University, O. E. and H. G. Garwood and Mr. Powell, and from Colorado Zeta, University of Denver, E. N. Edgerton, Guy McCreery, F. L. L. Hiller and W. C. Williams. California Alpha, Leland Stanford, was represented by C. L. Merriam. California Beta, University of California, had no representatives in person, but sent a splendid letter of representation to the convention.

The morning session was devoted to the reports from the various chapters, appointing of committees, and other routine business. Brother O. E. Garwood acted as temporary secretary. Committees on Officers, By-Laws, Resolutions, Time and Place of Next Convention, and State and Condition of Province were duly appointed, and during the luncheon hour these committees prepared their work. Careful consideration was given every suggestion and every plan, and the committee reports were received with unusual attention. The chapter reports in the morning were especially good. The condition of each chapter was found to be good, and the various accounts of the origin and growth of *Σ A E* in the different institutions of the Province aroused enthusiasm. The business session of the afternoon included many topics, which can be touched upon elsewhere, but two things deserve mention in *THE RECORD*.

The Committee on Resolutions brought in a suggestion to the effect that steps be taken toward the formation of an Alumni Association in Denver, and the suggestion was received with enthusiasm and unanimously indorsed. Mr. E. W. Nye, an alumnus of Colorado Chi, was made chairman of a committee to further consider the proposition, and in the evening before the banquet

he presented a complete plan of procedure, which was further detailed by H. A. Deuel, of California Alpha, also a Denver man, who asked that every member of the alumni meet at his home on the first Saturday evening in February to perfect an organization. Every alumnus shouted an enthusiastic "aye" to Brother Nye's proposition, and the Alumni Association was a certainty from that time. It was a favorite theme with every *Σ Α Ε* man present, and there is no doubt but that a strong Alumni Association in Denver will be a distinct factor in the future growth of Province Eta.

The second proposition was a resolution asking for the National Convention for Denver in 1902. There was instant approval of this move, and practical steps were at once taken towards bringing the great convention to Denver. On the recommendation of President Webster, a committee also considered this question, and at the banquet W. C. Williams presented a report embodying a number of definite things that will be acted upon at once, all to assist in bringing *Σ Α Ε* to Denver in 1902. Every chapter in the Province, and every individual is to work to that end from now until the matter is decided. The Eta men believe that Denver, with its reputation as an ideal convention city, and Colorado's scenic attractions, will make the city invincible in the contest for the honor, and that any objections to distance will be overcome by the great attractions and the impetus to the western section of the fraternity by holding a national convention in Denver.

An address on the subject was adopted and will be presented later.

During the session of the convention Brother Geo. D. Kimball, E. S. D. A., was present, and his experience and practical suggestions were of much value. Every matter of Province interest was dispatched quickly and

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properly, and the convention adjourned, after extremely complimentary expressions to President Webster and Secretary White for their official services. A last event was the report of the Committee on Officers, which report was unanimously adopted. The new officers are:

President, Harry A. Deuel, California Alpha, Denver, Col.

Secretary, W. C. Williams, Colorado Zeta, Denver, Col.

The banquet came in the evening, at the Albany. Never has a more enthusiastic body of young men gathered at the banquet table. The successful convention of the day, the promise of *ΣΑΕ* in all the chapters, made the occasion enlivening and spirited. The very air was full of "Sigma Alpha Epsilon." The menu was elaborate and very properly served, and the toasts were unusually happy and vivacious. Every speaker rose to the spirit of the occasion, and the addresses were fitting in every way. Fifty men sat at the table, President Webster acting as toast-master. Interspersed between the toasts were fraternity songs that gave variety and added cheer to the occasion. Preceding the toasts every man sang "Here the Sigs Meet Again."

The toasts were as follows:

The National Convention.....	Geo. D. Kimball, E. S. D. A.
The College Man.....	Arthur B. West, California Alpha
The Making of a "Sig".....	Wayne C. Williams, Colorado Zeta
A "Sig" and His Fraternity.....	Fred A. Merten, Colorado Chi
ΣΑΕ in the 8th Army Corps.....	Guy W. McCreery, Colorado Zeta
The Ladies.....	John R. Lewis, Colorado Chi
The Violet.....	Harry A. Deuel, California Alpha
Before and After Taking.....	Vaughn Sickman, Colorado Chi

Extemporaneous talks were given by Brothers Chapman, formerly of Illinois Psi-Omega, Deardorff of Colorado Zeta, and Loyell of Colorado Chi.

It was a late hour and only after *ΣΑΕ* had been sung,

yelled and toasted, that the banqueters arose and sang "Good Night, Brothers," and closed with a "Phi Alpha Alicazee," etc. The Province Eta convention and banquet was an era for Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the West.

WAYNE C. WILLIAMS.

*Colorado Zeta.*

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**DR. DAVID JAMES CASTLEMAN.**

On December 10th, 1899, many hearts were made sad and many eyes were dimmed with tears on account of the death of Dr. J. D. Castleman. Truly a noble man has gone to his reward. He died at his home in Greensboro, Ala. The funeral services were held at the Episcopal church, and the remains were buried at the Greensboro cemetery. Alabama Iota chapter of *Σ Α Ε*, of which he was an alumnus, was at the church in a body, and afterwards followed in the procession to the grave, where services were held by the Knights of Pythias.

Dr. David James Castleman was born at Roanoke, Va., about thirty-four years ago. While quite a young man he entered the Southern University, from which he was graduated with distinction in 1892. Here he won the medal for the best original essay from his class. In 1889 he was initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and ever since that time he has been an active and enthusiastic worker for his cherished fraternity.

Immediately after graduation he went to Pratt City, Ala., where he was assistant surgeon for a few years. He then took a course in the Birmingham Medical College, another at Mobile, and a third at Tulane University. In 1896 he received the degree of M.D. from this institution, and immediately afterward began the practice of his profession at Greensboro, Ala.

In 1897 Dr. Castleman was married to Miss Fannie Seay, one of Greensboro's most estimable and attractive young ladies. She, with one daughter, survives him.

Dr. Castleman was a physician of fine attainments, and had gained the confidence and esteem of the people of Greensboro by his courteous manner as well as by his efficient services.

While an active member of Alabama Iota he efficiently filled the offices of correspondent, treasurer and archon. During his whole college career he was the leading spirit in *Σ Α Ε* at Greensboro. During the years of 1892-94 he was president of Province Epsilon. In that capacity he performed the duties of his office as he did all other things, promptly and efficiently.

After his return to Greensboro, in 1896, to practice his profession, he met with the chapter as often as his duties permitted. In these meetings his sound advice often prevented the younger members making serious mistakes. The influence he exerted in the formation and preservation of the true fraternity spirit can never be estimated; but it will continue to live and have its weight as long as there is a chapter of *Σ Α Ε* at the Southern University.

He was the prime mover in the reorganization of Mother Mu in 1892. Leaving his college duties at the Southern University, he went to the University of Alabama, where he remained about three weeks working for *Σ Α Ε*. How well he succeeded in his work is shown by the fact that he found no chapter of *Σ Α Ε* at the University of Alabama, and he left a prosperous one there, which has, from that time, steadily advanced, until now it is one of the best chapters in the fraternity.

I might mention many other instances of the loyalty and devotion of this noble man to his chosen fraternity. However, suffice it to say that in the death of Dr. Cas-



DR. D. J. CASTLEMAN



tleman, *Σ A E* has lost one of her noblest and most loyal members. His presence, his sound advice, and his ready help in every time of need will be sorely missed by Alabama Iota; but the memory of his good deeds and the example of his noble life will ever remain as a lasting heritage to all succeeding generations of Sig Alphas.

F. K. GAMBLE.

*Alabama Iota.*

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#### ORGANIZATION OF THE BIRMINGHAM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The movement to organize an Alumni Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in Birmingham, Ala., was brought to a successful finish on the night of January 8th. For over a month there had been some talk among the alumni of Birmingham as to the organization of an Alumni Association. The opinion seemed unanimous that Birmingham ought, by all means, to have an association, but yet no one would take the lead and get the matter started. Finally through the efforts of Hubert Drennen and B. L. Green, ably assisted by others, a meeting was called for January 8th to formally organize an Association.

When in response to that call the meeting was called to order by C. A. Brown, about ten loyal Sig Alphas were found present. C. A. Brown and B. L. Green were elected temporary chairman and secretary.

After some very enthusiastic speeches by the brothers, a list of all the Sig Alphas in Birmingham was taken, and the secretary was instructed to notify each one of the time and place of the next meeting.

Permanent officers were then elected. The following were chosen: President, E. H. Cabaniss; Vice-President, C. A. Brown; Secretary, Geo. B. Kelley; Treasurer, W. A. Hood. On motion W. T. Berry was elected



Chairman of the Executive Committee, with power to appoint four associates.

It was decided to meet hereafter on the second Tuesday night of each month. Then after some discussion as to plans, etc., and several enthusiastic talks, the meeting adjourned to meet again February 13th.

Owing to some misunderstanding as to the time and place of the meeting, a great many who intended to be present at the organization of the association were absent. At least forty are expected at the next meeting.

This is the only association in Alabama now, but there are movements on foot, both in Montgomery and Florence, to formally organize; so we expect to report two more associations soon. With these associations and all three of the chapters in the State in a most flourishing condition, it will not be long before Alabama will be truly an S. A. E. State, and the royal purple and old gold will wave triumphantly over the State where our order was born.

F. A. GAMBLE.

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#### SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON IN ST. LOUIS.

While Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been moving on to the front, the alumni in St. Louis have not been idle in working for the good of the fraternity. Late last spring a few of the hustlers cast the first seed that has now blossomed out into a good, strong association among the old Sigs in the city. It is our plan to hold meetings monthly and to make each one attractive. To carry out this idea there will be some form of entertainment with each meeting, either banquet, dance or smoker. With some attraction of this kind it will be possible to make each meeting full of interest and to draw a full attendance.

There are about seventy-five of us in the city, ranging from Dr. R. C. Atkinson, Virginia Omicron, '60, to the men of '99. There are about twenty chapters represented, and nothing better of them can be said than that they are true Sigs. We who have our address in *THE RECORD* or are in any other way known, are always glad to welcome any wandering Sig brother, and any one that may be in the city is assured of a welcome at our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The present officers of the association are :

President—C. P. Curd, Tennessee Nu, '76.

1st Vice-President—F. J. North, Missouri Beta, '97.

2d Vice-President—W. H. Schweppe, Massachusetts Gamma, '97.

Secretary—Dr. H. E. Ferrel, Virginia Omicron, '97, 822 N. Channing Avenue.

Treasurer—George Worthen, Jr., Illinois Beta, '97.

On the night of Tuesday, December 19, we had our first banquet at the Mercantile Club. It was more than a success as a first attempt, and there is no question but that the move was a good one. After a feast for the body and of the mind with song and story, we all joined hands in the old mystic circle and sang "Good-night, Brothers," in the same old way, and, as an aftermath, we have the satisfaction of knowing that each enjoyed himself and each other. After the tempting menu had been discussed, we turned our attention to oratory and wit. In Dr. Atkinson we had an ideal toast-master, and for the benefit of those who remember him from the convention of '96 we will say that the doctor has improved with age.

Among those present were D. A. Blanton, Missouri Alpha, '98; S. A. Martin, Missouri Beta, '97; H. McD. Pettit, Missouri Beta, '96; L. C. Gale, Missouri Beta, '99; Warren Hilton, Missouri Beta, '95; John A. Har-

rison, Tennessee Eta, '69; R. C. Atkinson, Virginia Omicron, '60; A. C. Stewart, Tennessee Lambda, '67; H. E. Ferrel, Virginia Omicron, '97; J. T. Muench, Michigan Iota-Beta, '96; J. E. Wray, Massachusetts Iota-Tau, '94; C. H. Stoffregen, Missouri Beta, '99; F. L. Reardon, Missouri Beta, '98; Louis A. Benecke, Missouri Beta, '96; W. G. Parker, Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, '95; F. B. Nichols, Ohio Theta, '97; W. H. Schweppe, Massachusetts Gamma, '97; Walter Shields, Missouri Beta, '99; R. A. Harbison, Missouri Beta, '97; F. J. North, Missouri Beta, '98; L. A. Valier, Missouri Beta, '97; and George Worthen, Jr., Illinois Beta, '97.

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#### THE INSTALLATION OF KENTUCKY EPSILON.

All who are conversant with the work of the Fortieth National Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will remember that the Extension Committee was confronted with a most complicated situation when the petitions from Kentucky State College were presented for consideration. Indeed, a problem with similar complications has seldom been presented to any fraternity. The two local societies each presented lengthy petitions, and each had its champions among the delegates. A peculiar feature in relation to these societies was, that while the Sig Alphas all over the country were well aware, months beforehand, that two petitions were to be presented from this college, yet each society had conducted its affairs so secretly that neither society knew of the other's aims and intentions until within a short time of the convention. When the two societies realized that their petitions were to be presented at the convention of one and the same fraternity, then were efforts redoubled and confusion grew apace. The complications which arose jeopardized the chances of both bodies of petitioners, in

fact, almost sounded the death-knell of their hopes. Small wonder, then, that the members of the Extension Committee lost much sleep over the situation; small wonder that they were heartily glad to allow the Supreme Council to pass the final judgment.

In view of the interesting nature of the situation, a brief account of the origin of the two "locals" may not be out of place at this point.

In the spring of '96 the E. S. Society was founded, with C. W. McElroy and J. D. Turner as charter members. The society existed *sub rosa* until the fall of that year, when the small, shield-shaped badges adorned with the letters E. S. appeared. During the years '96 and '97 the society grew rapidly in strength, numbering twenty-two members in the spring of '97.

When college opened in the fall of '97, the members discontinued the wearing of their pins in order to promote secrecy and to allay comment as to the local's existence and aims.

During the fall months of this year the Kentucky State College Football Team was coached by Lyman B. Eaton, Ohio Epsilon, '97, an account of whose sad death appeared in the March, '98, RECORD. Brother Eaton was held in high esteem by the K. S. C. students, and it was because of his suggestion and through interest in him that the members of the E. S. Society made application for a charter to our fraternity. The sudden death of Brother Eaton, shortly after his return from Lexington, was a great blow to the petitioners, not only because of their regard for Eaton, but because their hopes of obtaining a charter were centered largely in him.

For a time the work of the E. S. Society languished, but the correspondence that had sprung up between Kentucky Kappa, Ohio Epsilon and the petitioners did not cease, but urged on to stronger efforts.

In March, '98, a new local, Pi Eta Pi, was organized, but ceased to exist in the following October, owing to dissension among its members. The Phi Alpha Society, composed largely of former members of Pi Eta Pi, was the next to appear upon the scene.

Then began the contest between the E. S. and Phi Alpha societies for recognition by Sigma Alpha Epsilon. As mentioned above, the Convention of '98 referred both petitions to the Supreme Council.

The two societies were much cast down at the prospect of another long period of trial and suspense, and the members of each society acted in a characteristic manner. Upon invitation the Phi Alpha men accepted "bids" offered by the Kappa Alpha and Sigma Chi Chapters, the larger number joining Kappa Alpha. The E. S. Society, however, maintained its organization intact, and invited the inspection of the Supreme Council.

The inspection was most thoroughly made. Members of Ohio Epsilon, Kentucky Kappa and Tennessee Lambda visited Lexington, examined the status of the petitioning body and reported to the Supreme Council. In June, '99, our E. S. T., G. Hendree Harrison, spent a week in Lexington, during which time he became well acquainted with the members of the E. S. Society. His report was most favorable, but it was not until January, 1900, that the charter was granted by a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council. The date of initiation was set for Saturday, February 10, 1900, after two postponements had been occasioned by sickness and other unforeseen causes.

On the evening of Wednesday, February 7th, four Sig Alphas from Ohio Epsilon, Brothers Granger, Pierson, Newkirk and Cairns, arrived in Lexington to assist our E. S. T. in the preparation for installation, and three happier days were never spent by this quintet

of Sig Alphas. The E. S. boys were most attentive in entertaining the visitors, in supplying their every need, and in arranging for the all important event. No better witness of the worth of our new brothers need be instanced than their kindly courtesy and thoughtfulness, as they showed by their every act that they were true Sig Alphas in spirit if not in name.

On the morning of the eventful day there arrived in Lexington eleven members of Kentucky Kappa Chapter, and our venerable brother, S. F. D. Reese, who had ardently championed the E. S. cause at the Nashville convention, and who, at this time, was particularly interested in the initiation of his nephew.

At 7 o'clock, all arrangements having been completed, the entire body, Sig Alphas and neophytes, proceeded to the Odd Fellows Hall, the use of which had kindly been granted. The younger members retired with the candidates to put them through a few "stunts" not included in the ritual, and the Central University brethren in particular succeeded in lending a most impressive hand. After this by-play the requirements of the ritual were gone through with to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

The banquet hall of the Leland Hotel was the next welcome Mecca, and the members were by this time well-prepared to discuss the following menu :

	Blue Points on Half Shell.	
Celery.		Pickles.
Saddle Rock Oysters, Fried.	French Peas, Sweet Breads.	
Spring Chicken on Toast.	Champignons.	
Olives.	Salted Almonds.	
	Cream de Menthe Punch.	
Chicken Salad.	Beaten Biscuit.	
Cold Ham.		Hot Rolls.
Brick Cream.	Fancy Cakes.	Fruits.
Chocolate.	Coffee.	Wafers.
	Edam Cheese.	Café Noir.
	Cigars.	

When the inner man had been quieted, the toast-master of the evening, Brother Harrison, with characteristic grace, introduced the first speaker of the evening, Brother S. F. D. Reese.

Brother Reese's response was most inspiring, and filled with devotion to *Σ Α Ε*. There was one thought which he presented as the consummation of one of his cherished hopes, viz., the consolidation of all college fraternities under one Hellenic banner—an occurrence, which under present conditions, seems an event of the far distant future.

The intermissions between the responses were filled in with some rousing *Σ Α Ε* songs, copies of which were provided by the Ohio Epsilon delegates. Two or three of the songs, composed especially for the occasion, proved especially enjoyable. The following is a list of the toasts:

G. Hendree Harrison, Toast-master.

*Σ Α Ε*, Her Past..... S. F. D. Reese  
"O call back yesterday, bid time return."

E. S. Society.....Lafayette Brock  
"It fell not; for it was founded upon a rock."

Our Fraternity.....Alexander H. Rowell  
"All hail to Sigma Alpha's name,  
For fratres e'er the same;  
And praise upraise  
Through endless days,  
To her eternal fame."

Trials and Tribulations .....A. S. Reese  
"He who conquers his own soul is greater than he that taketh a city."

Friendship.....Robt. Reese  
"Soul of love, the heart of kindness."

Kentucky State College..... G. W. Rice  
"A mother is mother still; the holiest thing alive."

A Daughter of Ohio Epsilon.....D. L. Pierson  
"The pride of the household."

The "Mystic Circle" and "Good-night, Brothers," fittingly closed the evening's ceremonies.

Thus was Kentucky Epsilon ushered into the world of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. To the new chapter has been given a name which holds in memory the personality of our departed brother, Lyman B. Eaton, at the same time showing the descent from the parent chapter, Ohio Epsilon.

There is every reason to believe that the new chapter will meet with marked success. Kentucky Epsilon enters upon life with the experience of four years' existence as a "local" safely stowed away. From the very beginning the E. S. Society maintained an honorable existence and competed successfully with its two rivals. And now that it has become a member of the Sig Alph family, it has the means at its disposal to surpass all former efforts. Kentucky State College presents an excellent and by no means crowded field for fraternity work. Moreover, the new chapter is in close touch with those two strong chapters, Kentucky Kappa and Ohio Epsilon, the members of which already look forward to a joint tri-chapter initiation, which shall rival in enthusiasm, if not in magnitude, the famous "Auburndale" of Province Alpha.

The charter members of the new chapter are: Douglas Graham, Casky, Ky.; Guy W. Rice, Paintsville, Ky.; Albert S. Dabney, Cadiz, Ky.; Richard N. Wilson, Cynthiana, Ky.; Wade Hampton Perkins, Crab Orchard, Ky.; Hiram McElroy, Morganfield, Ky.; John L. Stoner, Bardstown, Ky.; Henry T. Smarr, Brooksville, Ky.; Charles Treas, Benton, Ky.

Four men in college, also members of E. S., John H. Kehoe, Claude L. Humphrey, Frank W. Milbourne and Clarence C. Clark, were not initiated at the installation, owing to one or the other of two causes, illness, or



absence in Frankfort with the Kentucky State Guards. They will be enrolled among the early initiates of Kentucky Epsilon. There are three pledged men in prep.

The following E. S. alumni were initiated at the installation :

John Willim, Vanceburg, Ky.; Lafayette Brock, Lexington, Ky.; Asbury S. Reese, Jr., Trenton, Ky.; J. D. Turner, Minnie, Ky.; Carter C. Jett, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The remaining alumni of E. S., some fifteen in number, are widely scattered throughout the country, and their initiation will doubtless take place in accordance with provision made for them by the Supreme Council.

The following Sig Alphas attended the installation :

Samuel F. D. Reese, Tennessee Lambda-Omega, '60; G. Hendree Harrison, Georgia Phi, '95; Daniel L. Pierson, Ohio Epsilon, '03; Charles C. Newkirk, Ohio Epsilon, '03; Arthur S. Granger, Ohio Epsilon, '02; E. F. Galbraith, Kentucky Kappa, '02; E. V. Tadlock, Kentucky Kappa, '00; C. A. Rankin, Kentucky Kappa, '03; Alex. H. Rowell, Kentucky Kappa, '01; J. C. Kenney, Kentucky Kappa, '01; W. W. McClellan, Kentucky Kappa, '03; C. J. Wright, Kentucky Kappa, '02; C. Howell, Kentucky Kappa, '03; T. C. Dedman, Kentucky Kappa, '00; N. K. Toy, Kentucky Kappa, '02; B. F. Andres, Kentucky Kappa, '03.

*Ohio Epsilon.*

CLYDE K. CAIRNS.

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#### AUTUMN JOINT INITIATION OF PROVINCE ALPHA.

The seventh Autumn Joint Initiation of the Province Alpha chapter was held at Auburndale, Mass., December 9, 1899, and was a success in every particular. All the chapters, especially those in Boston, were well represented, both in alumni and active members, and

some ten neophytes were present as the partial result of the fall rushing.

On these latter devolved the task of furnishing amusement, and so well did they acquit themselves, that even one on the train from Boston was kept in a state of continual laughter. When the Auburndale station was reached, the initiates, loaded with the burdens of barbarianism in the form of suit cases, marched in joyous procession along the stone fences towards the hotel. The route carried them by the Laselle Seminary, and here, before an assembly of fair young collegians, they fully demonstrated their powers to amuse, and won for themselves much applause. Soon the march to the hotel was resumed, where the candidates were initiated in the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

After the initiation came the banquet with its good cheer and comradeship. Here the neophytes received their first experience in fraternal principles as they felt the hearty grip and heard the cordial words from the new-made brothers, and saw the sympathy and fellowship that existed between men who, perhaps, had never met until that day. Then they came to realize more fully that Greek Letter Societies were fraternities more than in name, and that they had that night been made one of a band of brothers whose sympathy, aid and brotherly love would be theirs throughout life.

The toasts that followed were excellent, and Brother Mellus, with his wit and store of reminiscences of past joint initiations and conventions, made a toast-master well suited to the occasion.

The following was the list of toasts :

Toast-master ..... Edward Mellus

" A fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy."

Beta-Upsilon ..... Arthur Pickett Anderson

" Well, thou hast called her to a reckoning many a time and oft."

Fraternity.....	Floyd F. Foster
"Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."	
Gamma.....	Clarence Luther Thurston
"Hear ye not the hum of mighty workings?"	
The Law.....	William Charles Ford
"How now, woolsack, what mutter you?"	
The Initiates.....	Leslie Walker Millar
"Though this may be play to you, 'Tis death to us."	
The Ladies.....	George Charles Vedder
"I am pining for some one to love me."	
Rag Time.....	Chester Bradley Humphrey
"As ragged as Lazarus in painted cloth."	
Iota-Tau.....	Frederick Hosmer Cooke
"Come, go along, and see the truth hereof."	
Impromptus.	

The special car for Boston came only too early, and after cheers for  $\Sigma A E$  and "Good-night, Brothers," the men left the banquet hall, already wishing that the next joint initiation was not so far off.

*Virginia Omicron and*

KING H. KNOX.

*Massachusetts Iota-Tau.*

#### FOUNDER'S DAY IN MACON, GA.

Georgia Psi has arisen and shaken herself. About fifty members of the fraternity assembled around the banquet board at the Hotel Lanier Friday evening, March 9, to celebrate Founder's Day. The entire Mercer Chapter was present, and the enthusiasm aroused in this gathering of alumni and college men will not be forgotten soon. We trust we have prepared the way for an alumni association in this city. Of course the dining-hall was artistically and beautifully decorated, but the most conspicuous thing present was the fraternity spirit and the fraternity enthusiasm.

Brother G. Hendrix Harrison, B. S. T., was with us, and his presence was an inspiration to us, and so we enjoyed his remarks would put it mildly indeed. "His smile had more of laughter than of mirth, but more of love than either."

Wm. E. Martin, [a prominent young lawyer, and a Sig to his heart's core, was our toast-master, and presided with a grace consistent with the occasion.

Following were the toasts responded to:

DeVotie	A. J. Freeman
"What tender memories linger around The <i>black</i> sweetness of thy name."	
S A E in the South	A. W. Jackson
"In <i>lovely</i> names thy tale abound."	
Our Future	H. E. Gurnaker
"The future shall only exult in thy name."	
Fraternity	J. Gay Murphy
"Down the towering steps of time Rolls the song of songs sublime Fraternity, Fraternity."	
Our Girls	C. C. Ogburn
"The sweetest things in all the world."	
The Violet	W. C. Knaprock
"Thou hast nature's own colors, the purple and gold."	
Georgia Psi	W. W. McFarland
"That old bulwark of the fraternity."	
The Goat	Major Wimblerly
"A complicated freak of the oppressors and the oppressed."	

#### GOVERNOR BECKHAM

The recent political troubles in Kentucky have brought into especial prominence a young man in whom all Sigma Alpha Epsilon is greatly interested. John Crepps Wickliffe Beckham was born August 9, 1880. His family, both on his father's and his mother's side,

politically. His father, the late Colonel William H. Beckham, was a man greatly loved and respected by all. His paternal grandfather, William T. Beckham, and



HON. J. C. W. BECKHAM.

his maternal grandfather, Governor Charles A. Wickliffe, were lifelong workers for the welfare of the State of Kentucky.

Beckham prepared for college in the schools at Bards-

town, Ky., and entered Central University, Richmond, Ky., in the class of 1888. In September, 1884, he was initiated into the Kentucky Kappa chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and since his graduation in 1888 he has always taken a great interest in the work of his chapter.

For three years, 1888-1891, he was principal of the Bardstown High School. In May, 1889, he was admitted to the Kentucky bar, but did not begin the practice of law until 1893. August 5, 1893, his twenty-fourth birthday, he was nominated for the Kentucky legislature by the Democratic party and was elected unanimously, as there was no one to oppose him. At the end of his term of office he retired from politics, but in 1897 he was prevailed upon to again accept the nomination from his party for the legislature, to which he was re-elected, and later was elected speaker of the house of representatives.

Last fall Beckham received the Democratic nomination for lieutenant-governor of Kentucky, and every one is probably familiar with the facts of the recent remarkable election trouble. After the sad and unfortunate death of Goebel, Beckham was declared governor by the Democrats. We may differ in our opinions as to which party is in the right, and as to whether Beckham or Taylor is governor of Kentucky, but we all admire Brother Beckham as a man, and we know that whatever he may be called on to do he will do well.

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#### THE TRUE FUNCTIONS OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.

The title of this article presupposes that alumni associations have a place in the fraternity system. The

are alive and active. These abortive chapters do prove, however, that many well intentioned fraternity men do not thoroughly grasp the true functions of the alumni associations.

In the first place, it is a mistake to suppose that the main source of a fraternity's strength lies outside of its members regularly at college. It is for the college man that the fraternity primarily exists. Without him there is no excuse for its existence.

The active chapters constitute the firing line of the fraternity's advance. They must be left free to adopt their own tactics, to prescribe their own regulations, and to adopt their own arms and equipments. They must, in turn, be expected to bear the greater part of the labors and hardships of conducting the campaign.

On the other hand, the alumnus chapter is more like a reserve force. In a vague way it knows what is going on at the front. It sooner or later finds out what forts have been abandoned, what new ones taken, and what men are active in the field. But it remains a reserve force still, though no less a valuable and necessary force.

In recruiting service, or in a particularly difficult engagement, the alumnus chapter may be expected to do more or less active work for a short period. It can be of splendid service in keeping sons and brothers of members interested, and in telling the active chapters of available men entering college.

In another and very pleasant sense the organizations of alumni are veteran associations. At the meetings members talk over past experiences and in various ways keep alive the friendships of college days. Reminiscence is a powerful factor in holding men together, and the alumni association can be particularly potent in fostering it. But it is through a mistaken idea of how this is to be done that many mistakes are made.

A young "hustler" just out of college, fresh with the enthusiasm of the active chapter, comes into an unsuspecting community, and organizes the local brethren into a chapter.

He gets twenty or thirty men together, and after organizing, he proposes to do something real "swell." He proposes a dance or theater party, or anything to let the community know they are in existence.

Now, this is just what the average alumnus desires to escape. He has in many cases passed the age for dances and theater parties for display's sake, even if he was once fond of them. He would, however, enjoy an occasional meeting with the brethren, where, at his leisure, he could smoke and talk to his heart's content and not feel as if he was on dress parade. He doubts if it makes much difference, so far as concerns the actual good to be accomplished, whether or not the community is informed of the chapter's doings. There comes to him a suspicion that the true function of the association is to let the active chapters know the alumni have not forsaken them, and to keep the flames of college friendships burning amidst the storms of business and the struggles for advancement.

The young "hustler" wants to meet several times a month, forgetting that he is now in the business world where men cannot meet as often as is done in college. Then the dances cost more than was at first expected, so an extra assessment is made. This is but the be-



The annual dues should be sufficient to cover the cost of the annual banquet and a simple collation after the other meetings. Adhere rigidly to the practice of dropping delinquent members from the rolls. Better a few members paid up than a host of them in arrears. Make the annual banquet a fine affair. Hire professional talent if necessary, and keep the speeches down to a proper limit. At all hazards, good cheer should reign supreme regardless of whether or not the rest of the community knows the chapter is in existence.

The difficulty, if not the impossibility, of trying to make alumni associations assume the functions of social clubs is often forgotten by the young enthusiast. Social clubs must spring into existence naturally, and not because of a theory that all members of an alumni association should be agreeable to all others. Men from various chapters necessarily have different social aspirations and inclinations, varying with the kind of schools at which they were educated. While all may be good men for an alumnus chapter, they may not all be men who care to join a purely social club. It is wiser to keep the regular social clubs to their original functions, and not attempt to merge them with the college fraternity idea, between which there is no necessary logical connection.

A recent graduate oftentimes causes himself a great deal of worry because the "distinguished brother" in their midst ignores the meetings. "Special invitations" are extended him without avail, a remission of dues fails to arouse him, and even an election to honorary membership does not apparently increase the distinguished brother's enthusiasm.

The chances are that the gentleman achieved distinction by perseverance and by making a success of everything he undertook. Distinguished men usually do. If

he sees the chapter has some influence and power, may  
not a miserable existence be mine or mine wife or  
with it. If however he sees that the chapter is doing  
nothing, that he is not called on for assistance, and that  
it seems to be independent or distinguished or even  
gaining its own distinction, he is not inclined to mix  
with the organization. Submission is never a confession  
of weakness, and is no acknowledgment of man. It is  
are to be removed, let them be not some poor sucker  
who is really unable to pay them.

If a gentleman must have to belong to other chapters  
it is far better for him that he should belong to a Chapter  
which means equality in the same and a chapter is  
bigger than the chapter where a man belongs to equality  
in it. If a gentleman must generally want to belong  
with themselves, or must want to belong to a chapter  
to which a considerable number of people are attached  
about the chapter will want to go to a chapter of  
members who have other of interest, status, etc.  
I for one at least prefer the chapter where the interest  
factor is absent and I am in the same position and  
eyes are present and everything else as in a chapter  
where a relation has been entered in the organization  
forty or fifty other members are strong, energetic men  
and keep him interested. When he begins to feel  
he ought to be a member of a chapter, he will  
settles down to the matter of how to get  
enough real interest in the chapter to get his  
attention and then he will be a member of the  
the chapter is better off than he is.

There are certain things which a chapter is not  
the stage of an organization, and a chapter is not  
can render in suggesting the chapter is not a  
chapters. An organization is not a chapter, and  
pleasant thing for the chapter is to have a chapter

ber to send them an invitation to the annual banquet. They cannot come, but they value the thoughtfulness of the alumni in keeping them in mind.

Organize a delegation to attend the conventions. An attendance upon these conventions will renew your youth, and your experience will be a valuable addition to the deliberations. In keeping the fraternity's surplus inviolate as a sinking-fund, the older members of the fraternity can be of great assistance. Any man in business must see the folly of wasting our surplus in any sort of a scheme; and whenever a proposition to parcel it out, or dissipate it in any way, comes up before the convention, alumni of business experience should be there to oppose it. Only occasionally should the alumnus take a very active part in fraternity legislation; but when the occasion does come, the need for him is urgent.

Where an active chapter is located in the same city with an organized body of alumni, the latter should not patronize the former. Invite the college chapter to your meetings, not omitting the banquet, and put a representative on the toast-list. Do not assume a superior or fault-finding attitude towards them, but meet them on a true spirit of college friendship. With such an attitude as this on the part of alumni associations, there never need be any occasion for a member voting against the granting the application for a chapter merely for the reason that "an alumnus chapter exists in the town where the college is situated."

CHAMPE S. ANDREWS,

President N. Y. Alumni Associations.

*Alabama Alpha-Mu.*

## WALTER H. SIMMONS.

Walter H. Simmons, an enthusiastic member of Sigma Chi Epsilon, has made a record for himself in the ball world. He first developed as a player in the Blue State and has since played on almost every athletic



WALTER H. SIMMONS

Captain Football Team, Vanderbilt University

of any note in the South. He is 5 feet 7 1/2 inches eight, weighs 150 pounds, and is 21 years of age. His last year, as captain of the football eleven at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., he has added to his list. He is always in the game and has the absolute confidence of his players. Coach Crane, of Princeton, "he is one of the fastest players in the South."

## AN INTERESTING CASE.

The recent litigation case in connection with the Kappa Kappa Gamma Society, which has received so much attention of late in the various fraternity journals, has been of such interest, that the readers of *THE RECORD* may be glad to see the following cutting from the *New York Times* of January 19, 1900. John S. Hill and Champe S. Andrews, the attorneys mentioned, are well known to members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon :

For the first time in the history of jurisprudence in this country, so far as the authorities state, a civil court is about to be asked to interfere with the decrees of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Robert Kopp, a manufacturer of machinery at 78 Barclay street, who has been a member of the order for twenty-three years, has brought a suit in the Supreme Court against Geo. W. White, as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., to compel that body to reinstate him as a member of the order, from which he was expelled nearly a year ago. The case will be assigned a place on the calendar to-morrow.

The case dates back to December, 1898, when the plaintiff, Mr. Kopp, was made Master of the Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 94, F. and A. M. The facts growing out of this election were the leading causes of the trouble. It is alleged that Mr. Kopp found conditions existing in the subordinate lodge which were not to his liking and he took steps to correct them. In so doing he opposed a number of the members of the lodge, and they brought charges against him for acting in an arbitrary manner. On these charges Grand Master William A. Sutherland suspended Mr. Kopp for a year.

Mr. Kopp took an appeal. Up to this time he was not represented by counsel and had had no advice. He was ordered to appear before the Grand Lodge in New York in June last, but he was unable to obey the summons. It was then that the chief trouble arose. While this appeal was pending, Mr. Kopp wrote, it is alleged, a letter to the Grand Master in which he said that he was not being tried with justice, and that the Grand Master was resorting to political measures in Masonry to effect his (Kopp's) removal. This letter was alleged to have been abusive, insulting, and disrespectful.

The letter which it is alleged Mr. Kopp wrote was turned over to a Deputy, and on it charges were formally made. A commission



be justified, as it has been held repeatedly in the court of last resort, the complaint states, that a letter written to a governing individual or body, no matter of what character, is not in itself enough to warrant such a course.

A peculiar complication has arisen in the case, owing to the fact that under the Masonic law no attorney can appear before the Commission of Appeal who is not himself a Mason. The attorneys for the Grand Lodge in the action are Grady, Smith & Crandall, the junior member of which firm is Elbert Crandall. Mr. Crandall is Chief of the Commission of Appeal which heard and passed on Kopp's case. He is therefore put in the position of defending, as an attorney, a decision which he made. The attorneys on the other side are also Masons.

The alleged disrespectful letter will be a part of the record, but neither of the attorneys would allow the papers or the letters to be seen. It is known, however, that no matter which way the case may go, it will find itself at last in the Court of Appeals for final adjudication.

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#### NOTICE.

The Convention of Province Beta of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be held in Carlisle, Pa., April 30, May 1 and 2. The members of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi are working hard to prepare for the convention, and promise a general good time to all who may attend. A committee of arrangements, consisting of three active and three alumni members of the chapter, is in charge of the preparations.

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Robert Arnold Foster, California Beta, '98, writes from Clifton, Arizona: "I enclose you a notice of the death of Burdette Jevne, California Alpha, '00 or '01. I was in Los Angeles at the time of his death, and send you a newspaper clipping concerning it. All the  $\Sigma$  A E's sent out a beautiful pillow of violets with  $\Sigma$  A E worked in on it. Three of the pall-bearers were  $\Sigma$  A E and three  $\Gamma$  E K, his local high school fraternity. Most of the  $\Sigma$  A E's attended. We had men from Tennessee, Colorado, etc. Los Angeles seems to be full of them."

"Burdette Jevne, the youngest son of H. Jevne, died at 10:30 yesterday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jevne, at 849 South Burlington avenue. Although Burdette had been ill for over thirteen months, and it was known that he could not live much longer, his death yesterday was a shock to the family and to the many friends of young Burdette. The young man was but 21, and was a general favorite among the younger social set, although on account of his ill health he was never seen at social functions.

"After leaving the Los Angeles High School, Burdette went to Stanford, where he studied for a year and a half. At college he was popular in athletic as well as in social circles. He was a great football enthusiast, although he did not play a great deal while in college. Burdette came home from Stanford last year and was not well. In two days he was taken ill and for several months lay at death's door. Excellent nursing and good medical attendance pulled him through and in May he rallied and was taken to Terminal Island, where everything possible was done for him, and although he improved, the disease, spinal meningitis, could not be overcome. He was taken to San Francisco and since his return home has been slowly getting worse. While at Terminal last summer, the young man was visited by many of his friends who did everything in their power to cheer and to entertain him.

"Burdette was a member of the S. A. E. fraternity of Stanford, and of the G. E. K. fraternity of Los Angeles. The pall-bearers for the funeral have been selected from these fraternities."

All those who read the following account of the illness of Brother William L. Wilson, our former Past Eminence Supreme Archon, will join in the sincere hope that his illness is not as serious as it appears, and the wish for his speedy recovery:

"The apparent entire breakdown of Hon. William L. Wilson, President of Washington and Lee College, will be learned with regret by all good men of all parties. He is at once a great statesman and a most lovable personality. These qualities have made him one of the best respected and most admired and affectionately regarded men in the country. In addition to his achievements in the higher politics of his country, Mr. Wilson has proven himself a great educator, and his loss to his present calling will cause sorrow in the hearts of our most eminent instructors. Simultaneous with the news of Mr. Wilson's serious disability comes the announcement that Professor Van Holst, of the University of Chicago, has been forced to surrender the Chair of History in this great foundation of learning, by failing health caused by overwork. It is sad when such men as these retire for old age; it is far more sad when they wear out in what ought to be the prime of their lives."



The following relates to an initiate of Ohio Sigma. An account of the "send-off" given Brother Harris by the members of the fraternity will be found in the chapter letter in this issue from Ohio Sigma:

"Heaton W. Harris, of Alliance, O., a member of the law firm of Fording & Harris, according to dispatches from Washington, has been appointed by President McKinley to succeed the late George P. Pettit as United States Consul to Dusseldorf, Germany. It is a singular coincidence that Harris and Pettit attended Mt. Union College at the same time and were members of the same Greek letter fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, of which President McKinley also is a member, the three being affiliates of Sigma Chapter of Mt. Union College. Harris has been identified with local politics ever since old enough to vote, and, like Pettit, was a personal friend of the President."



The following clipping from the *Boston Herald* of February 1, 1900, should be of interest to all members



of the fraternity. Brother Lamar, though an honorary member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, always felt a very great interest in the fraternity, and did a great deal for it in its early days :

"Under the caption of 'Colonel Lamar's Grave,' the *Oxford Globe* contains the following :

"We cannot overlook mentioning the way the grave of L. Q. C. Lamar is marked in the cemetery in this city. It hasn't a stone of any kind to even let the passer-by know where the greatest statesman that Mississippi ever had now lies. It is a shame, a disgrace, a negligence, that should bring a blush to every true Mississippian. Yes, he was a grand man, a man who was always ready to fight for his State and country, and one who did so much for this State that we should certainly honor him enough to adorn his grave with a suitable monument.

"We have thought this matter over seriously, and got a committee together, and after discussing the matter, decided that donations be asked for from the people of the State. Each contribution will be deposited in the bank here to their credit, and when the monument is bought each contributor's name will be carved on the stone unless otherwise requested.' "



The Chattanooga Alumni Association must be alive and well if we can judge by this newspaper account :

"The reception and dance of the Chattanooga Alumni Association of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity was the society event of last night, following immediately after the production of *Zaza*, which was attended by a large number of the guests.

"The Alumni Association was organized recently, with the following officers :

"Milton J. Anderson, President.

"Sam Gerstle, Vice-President.

"Oliver B. Andrews, Secretary and Treasurer.

"The war-cry of the society is :

Phi Alpha Alicazee,  
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Sigma Alpha, Sigma Alpha,  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon,  
Rah, rah, bon ton,  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon,  
Ru, ra, ru, ra,  
Ru, ra, ree,  
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"The floor manager last night was Mr. Sam Gerstle.

"The reception and floor committee; Messrs. Taylor Sevi  
Ed. Watkins, W. J. Nixon and Will Burns.

"The invitation committee was composed of Messrs. Nath  
Bachman, O. B. Andrews, Percy Wilson and Lon Foust.

"The patrons were: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar T. Peeples, Mr. and M  
Garnett Andrews, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lewis T. Coleman, Mr. a  
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spent by those fortunate enough to be present. Dancing continu  
until a late hour to the inspiring music of Suffer's orchestr  
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The February number of *Beta Theta Pi* announce  
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Chapters of two Greek letter societies have recently  
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20, and the chapter of Delta Gamma lost all its prop-  
erty. One of the young men in the college succeeded  
in saving the charter, but all the records, pictures and  
furniture were burned.

The building in which the Dartmouth chapter of  
Delta Kappa Epsilon was located was burned recently,  
and the property of the chapter, including what was

admitted to be the most complete fraternity library at Dartmouth, was destroyed.



George D. Kimball, E. S. D. A., writes :

"State oratorical contest last night (February 16). O. E. Garwood, Colorado Chi, 1st; W. C. Williams, Colorado Zeta, 2d; J. V. Sickman, Colorado Chi, 3d.



The Boston *Journal* on January 5, 1900, had the following special dispatch from Denver, Colo. :

"Denver will send a strong delegation to the Boston meeting of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity to capture the 1902 session for this city. Arrangements were made last night to start a large entertainment fund with which to care for the delegates in a manner more regal than ever before contemplated in the fraternity. The program will include trips to the summit of Pike's Peak and down two thousand feet in a gold mine, as well as special trains over the State.



The following notice of the marriage of John Sprunt Hill, until recently the President of the New York Alumni Association, will interest his many friends both in the North and the South :

"At 8:30 P.M. November 28, in the Presbyterian church at Durham, N. C., the marriage of John Sprunt Hill, of New York, and Miss Annie Louise Watts, of this place, will be solemnized with all the éclat that the prominence of the parties in the social, religious, literary and financial world demands.

"The groom, though now a New York attorney of prominence, made his entrée to this world near Faisons, N. C., March 17, 1869, and is therefore in his thirty-first year. His father, W. E. Hill, and his mother, whose maiden name was Diana Faison, were descendants of two prominent families who moved from Virginia to North Carolina in 1770.

"In September, 1885, Mr. Hill matriculated as a student of the University of North Carolina, where he soon made himself popular and prominent in the fraternities, particularly in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, of which he was the head and front. He graduated in 1889 with the highest honors of his class, delivering the philosophical oration at commencement.

"Mr. Hill came back to the University of North Carolina in 1891 and took a law course, which he supplemented with study at Columbia (New York) Law College, from which he graduated in June, 1894, with the degree of LL.B.

"He was a member of the famous New York Troop A, and served with gallantry in Cuba during the war with Spain, and has published in THE RECORD a most creditable criticism on the conduct of that war and the policy of the present administration.

"As the crowning event of his successful career, he has outleaped his brothers in Cupid's court, and will get as his reward one of the South's most sought maidens, whose personal attraction and large advantage of the best social and educational association make her a prize well worth the most dangerous exploit of Southern knight-hood in this or other ages in a country noted for its chivalry.

"In conformity with the high position the bride's parents hold in the old régime of social prominence, Mr. George W. Watts, father of the bride-to-be, a Presbyterian elder and religious philanthropist who has given thousands and thousands out of his multi-millionaire income to religious institutions of the Presbyterian faith and other charities too numerous to mention, declines to make any ostentation of what is purely a family matter, and while everything pertaining to the nuptials will be elegance personified, spectacular display will be superseded by that modesty of the olden times which has given the Southern gentleman an envied repute in the countries of the world."



J. S. Dye, who is mentioned below, is an initiate of Tennessee Nu, at Vanderbilt University:

"At the Chattanooga Athletic Association last night J. S. Dye, who has been the instructor for the past six months, but who severs his connection to-night to resume his studies in medicine at Vanderbilt University, was presented by the Association, as a token of its esteem and regard, with a very handsome silver-mounted umbrella. The presentation was made by President Stewart in a few well-chosen words, and responded to in like manner by Mr. Dye.

"Mr. Dye was presented with a number of remembrances by individual members of the association.

"Mr Dye came to Chattanooga a total stranger, without friends or acquaintances, and he leaves with a host of both, every one of whom feels a personal loss over his departure."

The Boston *Herald*, January 14, 1900, contains the following account of trouble at the University of Cincinnati. A correspondent from Cincinnati writes that the students at the University feel that President Ayres is in the right :

"President Ayres of the University of Cincinnati, at the meeting of the Board of Directors next Monday, will introduce a recommendation declaring all of the professorships or chairs of the University vacant after June next, the close of the college year.

"Most of the professors have been at the institution for several years. President Ayres was only employed last fall. At the time of his election he was Professor of Biology in the University of Missouri, and was chosen after the committee of directors had visited many Eastern institutions in search of the proper man.

"He was highly recommended by Eastern professors. He is a giant in stature, about 40 years old. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Trouble has been brewing at the University for a long time, there being a chronic state of jealousy and bickering among the professors.

"The present situation is a direct outgrowth of the clash between students and professors at the University, which began on the class night in June, 1898. On that occasion the graduates, be-wigged and costumed, caricatured a faculty meeting, while the surprised professors looked on at their mock likenesses from the boxes at the theater."



The fraternities at Tufts College, in Massachusetts, are evidently in flourishing condition. The Massachusetts Gamma Beta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega opened its new chapter-house in February, and the Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternity, of the Medical School, has purchased a new house on West Newton street, Boston, to be used as a chapter-house.



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"Police Break Up an Uncanny Carnival—Are at Sea to Know What Was Going On—Coffin and Its Contents of Human Bones Taken to City Hall in Patrol Wagon.

"The police broke up an uncanny carnival last night on Hill street, and took possession of a coffin, filled with human bones, swords and other regalia which would indicate a students' hazing or some wild orgy.

"The coffin was found in a vacant house at 614 Hill street, belonging to Ed Maynard. Lieutenant Goolsbe was at the jail at about 11 o'clock a man told him that something was wrong at the vacant house. The man said he heard laughing and talking at the house and saw a light. The voices belonged, he thought, to men and women.

"Lieutenant Goolsbe phoned to the city hall and Patrolmen Jennings and Turner went to the house. It was dark and empty, but when they entered with a light they found a coffin in the front room resting in the usual style, on two chairs. On a small table near it was a well-burned candle, showing that the recent occupants had a light. A cloth was thrown over the coffin. When this was pulled off, what had once been a nice coffin was exposed to view. The lid, which was held down by two screws, bore a silver plate on which were the words, 'Rest in Peace.' When the lid was removed the contents were revealed. Several bones, easily recognized as parts of the human skeleton, were found in the bottom of the coffin. There were also a good many rags of one kind and another in it. There were two cavalry swords and their scabbards and seven or eight sperm candles which had never been lighted.

"Mr. Dick Gibson, who lives next door, also heard the noise last night and the night before. The coffin and its contents were loaded into the patrol wagon and taken to the city hall, where it caused no end of excitement and comment among the force.

"An old man and woman, who were spending the night at the hall, were aroused from sleep and were very much excited.

"There is no doubt but that the coffin had once contained a corpse and was possibly exhumed by ghouls. Whether the bones belong to the original tenant cannot be told. The skull was missing, but the leg bones, a part of the spinal column and the pelvic bones were easily distinguished.

"Patrolmen Jennings and Turner saw a wagon night before last in that vicinity, which looked as if it were carrying a coffin and some chairs. They were after another matter and did not inves-

"The property will be given back to the students or whoever it was holding the carnival, upon proper application."



R. P. Mahon, Tennessee Eta, '93, writes from Toluca, Mexico :

"I am down here as a missionary, representing the Southern Baptist Convention, and since I have been here, a little over a year, I have been head and shoulders and everything else in work, studying '*la idioma Castellana*,' and doing a multitude of other things at the same time. I am living in a delightful city of about forty thousand people, the capital of the State of Mexico, right on the Laredo route to Mexico City. We are comfortably fixed up now and have a spare room for our friends when they come this way. When you need to take an outing for your health and to relieve your overflowing purse, come down to Mexico and get fat. If any of the brothers come my way, I am at their orders. Tell Austin to come down and see me. I honor him for his loyalty to duty and the fraternity.

"With much love and best wishes,

"I am fraternally,

"R. P. MAHON."



The following is a clipping from the Birmingham (Ala.) *Age-Herald* of December 31, 1899. Brother Pinckard joined *Σ Α Ε* while a student at Howard College, in 1870. His chapter, Alabama Beta-Beta, was killed in 1876, by anti-fraternity laws :

"William Peyton Pinckard, of Birmingham, Chairman of the Morgan Finance Committee, is in his forty-eighth year, having been born in Chambers county July 15, 1852. He was educated at Howard College, when that institution was situated at Marion, and at the University of Virginia. He was admitted to the bar, and practiced at Opelika, and went to Tuscaloosa in 1882 and opened a law office there. In 1886 he removed to Birmingham, and at once became interested in real estate. From the very outset he prospered; and after he and Henry F. DeBardleben became associated in business their transactions were of great magnitude. Mr. Pinckard became within a few months one of the wealthiest men in the South. He and Frank P. O'Brien were instrumental in founding the *Herald* newspaper, which in time absorbed the *Age*, and there was created the *Age-Herald*, of which

Mr. Pinckard was President and Manager, Captain O'Brien and Colonel Altman being amongst the directors. Chappell Cory was brought from the *Montgomery Advertiser* and made Managing Editor. Mr. Pinckard was succeeded in the management of the *Age-Herald* by Mr. O'Brien. The panic of 1893 bore very heavily upon these two notable men, as each held a great amount of property. Each has now retrieved his fortune in a gratifying measure. There is no stronger character in Alabama than William Peyton Pinckard. He is sincere, true, brave, resolute; and no kinder heart beats. Fortune, returned after anxious years, crowns him well and becomes him royally. Happily he is relieved of all cares save the cherished burdens of friends, of the State, and of the Democratic party; and the world is still before him. He is a man of conspicuous ability and wise foresight, and the State has for him noble honors if he please to seek them in the bright after-time.





## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased our Almighty Father to take from this life our brother Arthur Henry Clark; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Clark, Massachusetts Iota-Tau loses a loyal brother whose exemplary life was a credit to the fraternity.

*Resolved*, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt and sincere sympathy.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy spread on the minutes of the Chapter and a copy sent to THE RECORD.

LESLIE W. MILLAR,  
CLARENCE H. WALKER, } Com.  
HARRY B. POND,

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Omniscient Father to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Dr. D. J. Castleman; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Castleman, we have lost a brother who exemplified in his life the noble principles of our fraternity.

*Resolved*, That in his death Alabama Iota of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has lost one of her noblest, truest, and most loyal members; one whom we loved and respected as a noble Christian gentleman, and one whose life was well worthy of emulation.

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved family, looking to Him who doeth all things well.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the chapter; that a copy be sent to THE RECORD for publication; and that a copy be sent to the bereaved wife.

E. F. CHILDERS, }  
T. H. JACK, } Com.  
C. E. WALLER, Jr., }

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved brother, George Wightman Burton; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Burton, our fraternity

has lost one of its truest members, a noble Christian gentleman whose life was well worthy of emulation.

*Resolved*, That we extend to the bereaved family our deep and heartfelt sympathy in their dark hour.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, that a copy be spread upon the minutes of the chapter, and that a copy be sent to THE RECORD.

T. H. JACK,	}	Com.
J. M. PICKETT,		
E. F. CHILDERS,		

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#### HALL OF NORTH CAROLINA XI, SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

Inasmuch as Almighty God has seen fit to take from us our friend and brother, John Howard Alexander, we, the members of Xi Chapter of The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, desire to express our sorrow in the loss that we so keenly feel; by his death we have lost one of our Order whom we loved well and highly esteemed.

We who have known and loved him take this means of extending to his family and relatives our heartfelt sympathy.

And, furthermore, we have resolved to have a copy of these resolutions put among the records of the chapter, and a copy sent to *The Tar Heel*, and to THE RECORD of Σ A E.

EDWARD K. GRAHAM,	}	Com.
HALCOTT ANDERSON,		

## PERSONALS.

## NEW YORK SIGMA-PHI, ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

Edward Arthur Sidman, '99, has succeeded Brother Selvage as professor of mathematics in St. Matthew's School, Pocantico Hills, N. Y.

John O. Woodworth, '81, is head-master of the Lower School New York Military Academy, Cornwall, N. Y.

## PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

A. Gregg Loomis, '95, is in a New York law office. He graduated recently from the Columbia Law School and has been admitted to the New York bar.

James E. Parker, '01, is employed on one of the Philadelphia newspapers.

## ALABAMA MU, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Hon. R. F. Peters, '87, is one of Alabama's best known lawyers. He is located at Fayette, Ala.

J. H. Bankhead, Jr., '92, has recently been elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Walker county, Ala.

John Abbott, '93, is taking work in the Sibley College of Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University.

## ALABAMA IOTA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

W. E. Martin, '96, who won a scholarship at Johns Hopkins University last year, has this year won the two hundred dollar prize at that university for being the best "all round" student in the university.

## ALABAMA ALPHA-MU, ALABAMA A. AND M. COLLEGE.

Cyrus W. Ashcraft, '82, is president of the Florence Cotton Oil Mill Co., and of the Ashcraft Cotton Mill Co. Erister Ashcraft, '96, is secretary of the same companies.

C. A. Brown, '92, the vice-president of the Birmingham Alumni Association, is principal of the Hendley High School in Birmingham, Ala.

Lee Ashcraft, '93, president and general manager of the Tennessee Valley Fertilizer Co., is located at Florence, Ala.

George B. Kelley, '96, the secretary of the Birmingham Alumni Association, is a member of the firm of Kelley & Joy, civil and mining engineers, Birmingham, Ala.

GEORGIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

A. D. Smith, '77, is professor of mathematics at Howard College, East Lake, Ala.

GEORGIA PSI, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

E. H. Cabaniss, '75, the president of the newly organized Birmingham Alumni Association, is the senior member of the law firm of Cabaniss & Weakley, Birmingham, Ala. This firm probably has a larger practice than any other law firm in the State of Alabama.

NORTH CAROLINA XI, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

A. H. Patterson, '91, is professor of physics at the University of Georgia.

W. W. Ashe, '91, is forester on the North Carolina Geological Survey.

W. J. Andrews, '91, is superintendent of the car-works, and president of the Electric Light Co., at Raleigh, N. C.

J. M. Morehead, '91, holds the position of electrical engineer with the Union Carbide Co., Chicago, Ill.

W. R. Kenan, Jr., '95, is superintendent of the Carbide works at Sault Sainte Marie, Mich.

F. B. Bahnson, '96, is an electrical engineer for Fries Co., Winston, N. C.

F. W. Miller, '98, is chemist for the Northern Alabama Coal and Iron & Railway Co., Talladega, Ala.

J. P. Bunn, '99, is superintendent of a gold mine in Edgecomb county, N. C.

W. B. Lemly, '96, is now captain and acting quartermaster in the U. S. Marine Corps stationed at Cavite, Philippine Islands.

GEORGIA EPSILON, EMORY COLLEGE.

J. N. LeConte, '93, has left the Jersey City Hospital, Jersey City, and is now a practicing physician in Atlanta, Ga. He has had splendid advantages in his chosen work, having completed the four years' course at Bellevue, New York, and then having an appointment at the Jersey City Hospital for two years.

J. O. Boyd, ex-'01, is working as book-keeper with the American Cotton Co., at Atlanta, Ga.

W. B. Millikin, ex-'02, is on his father's sugar plantation, in Lake Providence, La.

W. C. Ragin, ex-'01, holds a responsible position with the Atlantic Coast Line, at Wilmington, N. C.

R. L. Paine, '86, is principal of the public schools in Social Circle, Ga.

J. E. Wray, '89, will fill the pulpit at the Methodist church in Cuthbert, Ga., during the coming year.

I. L. Lee, '91, is with the Southern Railway at Washington, D. C.

J. A. Smith, '99, is at present "teaching the young idea how to shoot" at Bogart, Ga.

L. T. Smith, '97, is at the same business in Cedartown, Ga.

P. H. Irvin, '98, is now located at Augusta, Ga., with Wm. Watson & Co., cotton brokers.

R. C. Cleckler, '94, is filling the Methodist pulpit at Belton, Ga. He has recently been transferred from the Florida to the Georgia Conference.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA DELTA, SOUTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY.

E. G. Wilson, '99, is assistant secretary of the Charleston (S. C.) Young Men's Christian Association.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA LAMBDA, SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY ACADEMY.

Edwin Dubose Smith, '86, is with the Edwin Thomson Law Publishing Co., at Northport, Long Island, N. Y.

#### MICHIGAN IOTA-BETA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Albert H. Keith, '99, is located in Chicago at the State Savings Bank.

John T. Mountain, '99, is with the Edison Electric Co., of Chicago.

Charles W. Kent, '99, is teaching in the High School at Decatur, Ill.

J. C. Osborne, '99, is assistant superintendent of schools at Owosso, Mich.

F. R. Sherman, '99, has affiliated with California Beta.

Victor E. Bedford, '99, is practicing dentistry in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

L. A. Wittenmyer, '99, is in Martinez, Cal.

G. H. Harris, '01, is in St. Louis, attending the Art Institute.

#### OHIO DELTA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Clare H. Barker, '00, is not in college this year, but will graduate with his class. He is private secretary to Congressman F. O. Phillips, of Medina, Ohio.

Geo. L. Davis, '99, is attending the Boston Theological School.

Brenton T. Bradley, '97, has received an appointment as Professor of philosophy in a college at Calcutta, India, and sailed for India in October.

Walter H. Wones, '99, is engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in Philadelphia, Pa.

Herrick Leighton, superintendent of schools at Barnesville, O., will be graduated with the class of '00.

Geo. S. Mytinger, who was in school last year, is teaching school at Chillicothe, O.

Horace Lee Plumb, a member of the class of '99, is in business at Columbus, Ohio.

OHIO SIGMA, MOUNT UNION COLLEGE.

Rev. L. Morgan Wood, '87, has established a prize of twenty-five dollars for the best graduating address at Mount Union.

Willis H. Grant, '98, is teaching mathematics at the Pittsburg (Pa.) High School.

Edgar J. Little, '97, is instructor in Greek and Latin at the Braddock (Pa.) High School.

Ralph L. Kline, '99, is Principal of the High School at Morgantown, W. Va.

Howard Hillis, '98, was married to Miss Sadie Croade, December 25, 1899, at Canton, Ohio.

ILLINOIS PSI-OMEGA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

John George, '95, is doing original work at the Northwestern University Settlement.

James E. Chapman, '97, is the representative of the Denver Republican at Colorado Springs. He is taking work at Colorado College at the same time.

D. E. Wendstrand, '99, and Homer H. Tallman, '98, are at the Medical School.

Roy Hammett, '00, is engaged in farming in Southern Illinois.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

George B. Worthen, '98, and J. T. Phillips, '98, are partners in a law office in St. Louis, Mo. Their law-card appears in THE RECORD.

T. O. Holcomb, '01, is teaching school near Burrowsville, Ill.

TENNESSEE ZETA, SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

Geo. D. Wilson, '99, is taking a course in electrical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, and has affiliated with Massachusetts Iota-Tau.

Frank P. Gracey, '99, is in business with his father in Clarksville, Tenn.

William E. Barton, Jr., '00, is with the Ely-Walker Dry Goods Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Charles B. Foster is attending the University of Arkansas and is affiliated with Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon.

John W. Childress, Jr., '01, is taking the regular course at Princeton.

H. E. Kirk, '96, is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Florence, Ala.

Erle Petters, '98, who was a representative in the last Alabama Legislature, has been renominated by the Democrats of his county.

TENNESSEE NU, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Milton J. Anderson, '95, who is practicing law in Chattanooga, Tenn., has recently been elected secretary of the Young Men's Business League of Chattanooga.

TENNESSEE KAPPA, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

Charles W. Metcalf, Jr., '95, was married on October 10th, 1899, to Miss Julia White, of Knoxville, Tenn.

TENNESSEE LAMBDA, CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY.

Andrew Gennett, '98, has begun the practice of law at his home in Nashville, Tenn.

Henry Denheart, '98, is practicing law at Bowling Green, Ky.

David B. Conway, '98, is practicing law at Washington, Ark.

MISSOURI BETA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

W. T. Koken, '01, and Leon H. Brady, '01, are attending the School of Mines at Rolla, Mo.

Warren Hilton, '95, is principal of the Mount Pleasant School, in St. Louis.

R. E. Cave, '99, is practicing law as a member of the firm, Cave & Bland.

Walter Shields, '99, is with the St. L., C. & St. P. R. R., at Alton, Ill.

F. C. Woerman, '99, is with the government engineers working on the Hennepin Canal.

Charles Hendrich, '99, is at Wilmington, Delaware, with the Edge Moor Bridge Company.

## ARKANSAS ALPHA-UPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.

Guy B. Wood, '99, is now in the general office of the K. C. P. G. at Texarkana, Ark.

George Nicholls, '98, is city editor of the *Helena World*, at Helena, Ark.

George W. Askew, '97, has recently gone into business at Fayetteville, Ark.

C. F. Sanders, '99, is principal of one of the public schools at Hot Springs, Ark.

Owen Walker is studying medicine in St. Louis.

C. G. Price is in the insurance office of Williams and Yowell at Little Rock, Ark.

Lieutenant Calvin Almstead, '93, of the 4th Artillery, U. S. Army, is at Havana with his regiment.

Lieutenant Fred. L. Dengler is stationed with his regiment, the 44th Infantry, in the Philippines. Lieutenant Jack Kilso is also seeing service in the Philippines.

O. E. Jones is studying medicine at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

H. D. Moore is quite a successful cotton buyer in Helena, Ark., and a member of the firm of Wooten & Moore.

J. H. Blair, '99, married Miss Alden, of Bentonville, Ark.

Donald K. Hawthorne married Miss Ena Davies, of Fayetteville, Ark.

**Edward L. Mock, '94, is in business with Wm. D. Cleveland & Co., wholesale grocers and cotton factors, Houston, Texas.**

## COLORADO CHI, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Frederick H. Merten has been appointed principal of the High School at Sterling, Colorado. By doing a few hours' work *in absentia* he hopes to be able to graduate with his class at the coming commencement.

Arthur M. Nye, law, '98, has removed from Greeley, Col., and located at Longmont, Col., where he is a partner in the law firm of Nye & Thorn.

D. Vance Sickman, '99, has engaged in the electrical business in Denver, where he has an interest in an electrical supply house.

George M. Spangler, '01, has a position with the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad in the Denver offices.

Fred Cleveland, '01, is working with a mining company in Ari-



Lewis M. Gaylord, '94, has made the *Evening Telegraph* at Colorado Springs one of the leading newspapers in the State outside of Denver. He took hold of it only a few years ago as business manager.

COLORADO ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

J. H. McKechnie, ex-'03, has left the university and taken up studies at Colorado College.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, PALO ALTO.

Otto Gottschalk, '98, has gone to Japan to enter business.

CALIFORNIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY.

Robert A. Foster, '98, is the engineer for the Arizona Copper Co., Ltd., at Clifton, Graham county, Arizona.

LOUISIANA EPSILON, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Roger P. Swire, '97, is assistant treasurer of Louisiana State University.

Edmond A. Chavaune, '98, is again back in his old place as commandant of Louisiana State University.

George C. Schoenberger, '98, is with the U. S. engineers below New Orleans.

Gordon B. Nicholson, '98, is an expert chemist with the Union Oil Co., and is at present situated in Houston, Tex. He will soon be sent to Chicago to do important work there.

Edward R. Barrow, '99, is located in New Orleans as chemist for the Union Oil Co.

William T. Slaughter, '99, has lately been appointed to the position of chemist at North Bend Sugar Refinery, St. Mary Parish, La.

Silas Y. Alexander, '00, has decided to adopt medicine as his chosen profession, and has gone to Louisville to enter a medical college.

E. J. McCall, '01, is assisting his father in the management of the McCall plantation, McCall P. O., La.

Edgar C. Taylor, '01, is employed with Von Phul and Gordon, druggists, Lake Charles, La.

Hewitt Bouanchoud, '01, is traveling for Findlay, Dicks & Co., wholesale druggists, New Orleans, La. He makes an excellent "knight of the grip."

Wilmer Mills, '00, is farming in the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA-UPSILON, BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

John M. Barry, '94, is practicing law at 343 Union St., Lynn, Mass.

John H. Mack, '94, who was the candidate for lieutenant-governor of Massachusetts on the Democratic ticket last fall, introduced Colonel Wm. J. Bryan to an audience recently at North Adams, Mass.

George A. Moore, '94, who has for several years been associated with Charles C. Long, '94, in the law firm of Long & Moore, has recently opened a law office for himself on Bromfield St., Boston.

Thomas A. Carroll, '95, delegate to the National Convention in Washington, in 1894, has his law office at 87 Weybosset St., Providence, R. I.

Roland H. Sherman, '96, assistant district attorney of Middlesex county, Mass., intends to go South soon for his health.

C. O. Engstrom, '97, has been appointed a member of the Judiciary Committee in the Massachusetts Legislature. This is the most sought for committee appointment in the House.

Louis A. Hall, '97, is rear commodore of the Eastern Division of the American Canoe Association. He has charge of the arrangements for the canoeing events in the Sportsman's show to be held in Boston in March.

Malcolm H. T. Gall, '97, is practicing law in the Daggett Building, Haverhill, Mass.

Walter I. Lane, '98, is practicing law in Brocton, Mass. His address is 22 Prospect street.

M. Fred. O'Connell, '99, is the correspondent for the *Boston Globe* at Fitchburg, Mass.

Dr. Alfred T. Dalrymple is practicing medicine at 171 K St., South Boston, Mass.

#### MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA, HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Niels L. J. Grön, '94, a member of Pennsylvania Delta, '93, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Dr. Edwin C. Hixon, '94, will build a six-story building in Cambridge, Mass., at the place where his office is situated, 1174 Massachusetts avenue.

John G. Kaufman, '95, is studying law in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Frank J. Geib, '95, has moved to 9 Bowdoin St., Boston, Mass.

Dr. Roy A. Daniels, '95, is in the Philippines. His address is U. S. Army Hospital Ship Missouri, Army Building, Whitehall St., New York City.

George A. Davis, '95, is back from North Carolina and intends to start soon for South America.

Edwin H. Davis, '98, has gone to South America on business connected with Uwharrie River Gold Dredging Co.

Dr. Charles N. Fiske, '98, intends to take the examinations for a position as surgeon in the navy.

MASSACHUSETTS IOTA-TAU, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

John E. Wray, '94, is secretary of the Wray-Damaske Hat Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Herman Hormel, '95, is in the grocery business at 760 E. 3d St., South Boston, Mass.

James A. Stetson, '99, is with the engineering department, Metropolitan Water Board, State House, Boston.

John W. Fleet, '98, is in the construction department of the New England Telegraph & Telephone Co., Boston.

Albert R. Beddall, '95, has graduated from Tufts Medical College and is practicing as a physician in Boston.

Charles F. Smith, '98, is connected with the U. S. Engineers, and is now in Portland, Me.

Winslow A. Wilson, '96, is in the real estate, mortgage and insurance business at 121 Clifton St., Roxbury, Mass.

NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Maximilian Kunze, '95, is located at Belvidere, Ill.

Marvin E. Parrott, '96, is at Kingston, N. Y.

Herman L. Meader, '97, is an architect at 35 Wall St., New York City.

Alexander Thomson, '99, has resigned his position as assistant city engineer of Oil City, Pa., and has taken a valuable position in New York City.

E. H. Hollands, '99, and C. A. Perry, '99, are on the reportorial staff of the *New York Times*.

Wm. H. Stranding, '99, is with the American Baptist Publishing Association of New York City.

Alexander Wills, Sp., has been promoted to chief of the scientific department of the Newport News Ship Building Co.

MASSACHUSETTS DELTA, WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Nathan Heard, '93, is now an attorney-at-law and counsellor with Crosby & Gregory, 34 School St., Boston.

Geo. W. Heald, '94, is with Fraser & Chalmers, Chicago.

Clarence W. Barton, '95, is editor of the *Riverside Morning Enterprise*, Riverside, Cal.

Henry Temple, '95, is now partner in the firm of Brooks, Temple & Co., electrical engineers and contractors, Worcester, Mass.

George S. Gibbs, '96, is with Wolcott & Co., Bankers, Boston.

R. S. Riley, '98, is in the office of the general master mechanic, Canadian Pacific Railroad, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

H. M. Chamberlain, '99, is with the Schenectady Locomotive Works, Schenectady, N. Y.

C. J. Rebboli, '99, is with the Whitney Motor Carriage Co., Worcester, Mass.

S. T. Willis, '99, is with Almer, Sargent & Co., electrical engineers and contractors, Boston.



**EXCHANGES.**

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With this issue of *THE RECORD* the writer formally enters on his duties as exchange editor. Brother George A. Davis, who filled this place during Brother Lakin's term as editor, has been obliged to give up the work owing to pressure of other business. Under his charge the exchange department was developed to a higher point than it ever attained before, and became an interesting and valuable feature to those readers who desired to keep in touch with what was going on in other fraternities than their own. The endeavor of the present exchange editor will be to maintain the standard set by Brother Davis. In closing, he is glad to be able to say that Brother Davis, in giving up the exchanges, has not entirely severed his connection with *THE RECORD*, and that he will doubtless, from time to time, be a contributor to its pages.



The alumni question is receiving a good deal of attention in fraternity journals at present, and it is gratifying to note that more space is being devoted to alumni news. The surest way to get alumni subscriptions—about the dearth of which so many editors complain—is to make the magazine interesting to the graduates as well as to the undergraduates. The importance of keeping the alumni in touch with fraternity affairs is emphasized in

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the report of the Committee on Alumni Extension, read at the convention of Sigma Chi. From it we quote the following :

"Hardly any subject that will come before this convention surpasses in importance the subject of alumni extension. Many of our older alumni have slipped away from all active participation in the work of our fraternity. This is partly due to the fact that no provision exists for fostering such an interest in the early years of life as a brotherhood. The time has arrived when this subject is of tremendous importance. If we can do anything toward making our fraternal affiliation to hold its power undiminished through the lifetime of our membership, we shall by that fact alone establish its perpetual power. Our alumni must not be allowed to drift away from us. One of the means that may be helpful in keeping in touch the widely scattered alumni membership of our fraternity is through alumni chapters. These should be established in every city where there is a sufficient number of them to meet the requirements of our constitution. We are satisfied that the fraternity has everything to gain and nothing to lose by making the establishment of alumni chapters as easy and cheap as possible."



Another article touching the alumni, although along different lines, is a communication in *The Shield*, of Theta Delta Chi, from "Eighty-Four," in answer to a suggestion that the management of the general fraternity be vested wholly in the alumni. We quote it in its entirety :

"In your last issue a graduate signing himself 'Forty-Two,' requests some undergraduate reader of *The Shield* to give reasons why undergraduates should continue to be permitted to exercise the control they now possess over the management of our fraternity. I am not an undergraduate, neither am I one of the old boys; but I am interested in the question, and because my views are in some respects diametrically opposite to that of Forty-Two, I take the fraternal privilege of having my say.

"In the first place, I believe it to be true that this control is nominal rather than real. Such is certainly the case at our annual conventions. Does any one recall a measure where the sentiment divided itself into graduate and undergraduate opinion to any appreciable extent? Furthermore, is it not our convention

experience that in all vital matters it is the graduates who lead and the undergraduates who follow? The graduates have a voice in every constitutional question that arises, and it is in the granting of charters alone that they have no vote, except through their representatives in the grand lodge; but is their influence impaired thereby? Is there a charge in the fraternity nowadays that does not both seek and get graduate advice upon every petition presented for its consideration and action? I think not. More than that; I believe graduate argument and persuasion are directly responsible for every charter granted and every petition denied within the last decade. There is no real division of sentiment in our fraternity that may be designated either graduate or undergraduate sentiment, and the differences of opinion that exist are only such as are common to men with convictions of their own.

"In the second place, we must not forget that our fraternity is not only theoretically but practically an undergraduate institution. And therein, it seems to me, lies its peculiar charm. We should not attempt to make a graduate club of it. The final disposition of all questions should be virtually left in the hands of the undergraduates. There is no necessity for our controlling legislation by a majority vote when our expressed wishes have so much weight with the voters; and certainly the memories of our own pleasant associations and the opportunities presented for exerting a proper influence over young men ought to be, as indeed they are, reason enough for our taking an active interest in the guidance of their affairs.

"Whether there shall be a change in our governing body as suggested by Forty-Two, depends, of course, in a great measure upon the extent of territory to be governed. The idea of a council has both advantages and disadvantages, and much has already been written on the subject. But whatever may be our action on that score, I hope we shall always be true to our tradition,—that Theta Delta Chi is a college fraternity for men in college; that it is governed by the men in college, aided and advised by their experienced elders; and that its aims, associations and opportunities are sufficient to keep all its members, graduate and undergraduate, ever interested in its welfare. The distinctive feature of Theta Delta Chi is the loyalty of its alumni, and this loyalty rests upon a surer foundation than the right to vote."



The question of alumni chapters receives an extensive notice in *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta. Part of it is as follows:

correspondent of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute chapter in the December number of *Phi Gamma Delta*:

"One initiation was held at which Brother Thomas C. Proctor of Amherst chapter officiated, when Dr. George Foskett, a graduate of Amherst college and a resident of Worcester, was welcomed into the fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta. He is a hale fellow, well met, and has a large and prosperous practice in the city. Amherst is to be congratulated."

The same initiation is referred to in the chapter letter from Amherst:

"Saturday, November 25, Brother Proctor, with the assistance of II I chapter, initiated into the fraternity Dr. Geo. M. Foskett, of Worcester. Dr. Foskett graduated from Amherst in 1878 and has since been practicing medicine in Worcester."

The further fact that three of the corps of instructors of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute have been initiated by the chapter of Phi Gamma Delta at that school would make it appear that the custom of initiating honorary members has not been discarded by Phi Gamma Delta.





The following on inter-fraternity courtesy commends itself to every fraternity man. It is taken from *The Delta* of Sigma Nu.

"Without doubt, courtesy, and great courtesy, is due from members of one fraternity to those of another. The presumption is strong that only gentlemen can gain admittance to Greek letter fraternities. Boors, unsociable and uncongenial spirits, are too dangerous elements in a social organization to be admitted for their wealth, environment, athletic prowess or skill in political maneuvering. First of all, a fraternity man must be a gentleman.

"And right here, I want to stop to offer a warning.

"Policy alone says no permanent alliances in politics. In independence alone is our strength. Give us the men, and by virtue of their own inherent qualities they will force our fraternity to the front. Remember the non-fraternity men average just as high. They should witness no contemptible and absurd attempt to establish frat caste. It antagonizes and deserves to antagonize. Let a non-frat once realize that the member of another fraternity can get a courtesy from a Sigma Nu which would not be shown him as well, and he becomes a bitter and a dangerous enemy, and the Sigma Nu who would cause this enmity is a traitor to his fraternity.

"Of course, I say, keep up sociable relations. The man who is clannish is a fool, for life is big, human nature is varied and is interesting, and the fellow who deliberately blinds one of his eyes lest he should see too much, deserves the loss of the other. In the sanctuary of a man's heart let one God rule and be worshipped. But one can be, at times, outside of that sanctuary, and yet not be prone to worship other gods. Establish cordial relations with other fraternities by all means possible. Don't be guided always by foolish notions of policy and politics. Visit other frats. Invite their members to the home of Sigma Nu. It will make you feel a pride in keeping up the high character of your home and members. Don't pat yourselves on the back and say, "we are good enough and numerous enough by ourselves." Live broader and better lives. Pride yourselves on one thing only, the high character of your members. Every Sigma Nu must be able, honorable, and instinctively a gentleman. And everything else will take care of itself, especially the question of how far we can safely go in accepting and returning courtesies from and associations with the members of other college fraternities. . . . Assure us gentlemen, and after all you need little warning as to how far they can safely go in the matter of the courtesies shown between fraternity men, or in other relations with college fraternities."

played right guard for a while. Belcher and Burdick are on the Banjo Club. Danforth is on the Technique Board, and Bosworth and Starr are president and treasurer, respectively, of 1902. Walcott is on the executive committee of 1901. We do not consider this bad in a college of 1,300 students.

The chapter has had some trouble this year in getting new men. Several have been brought around but we have been unable to satisfy everybody, with a few exceptions. We initiated only two men at the December Auburndale initiation, and I take pleasure in announcing our new brothers Kent Tillinghast Stow, 1902, and Robert Vaughan Brown, 1902. What we are after are freshmen, but as yet we have been unable to secure any.

This year we have seen little of the men from our sister chapters, but we had several notices of soirées given by our Gamma brothers, and of an entertainment given by Beta-Upsilon. Unfortunately they came very close to our "exams," so we had to forego the pleasure and "grind" instead.

Once in awhile we see our alumni among whom Brother Stetson, Province Alpha president, is the most frequent visitor. Brother Mellus also drops in on us occasionally. At present we are looking forward to a stunning time at Auburndale with about five initiates.

Faternally,

LESLIE W. MILLAR.

#### **Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.**

The mid-year examinations are over and we are once again at our daily routine, just entering on that long, hard road which leads to June and the finals. Massachusetts Gamma, although smaller than usual in numbers, is prospering finely, and this year promises to mark a large advance of Sigma Alpha Epsilon towards social prominence at Harvard. The chapter is now well known, and, being on a solid foundation, is well capable of attracting to it men of a higher standard than ever before, and quality, rather than quantity, is now our aim. The chapter is, as I have said, numerically smaller than usual, but with the men now in mind and with the long spring term to look forward to, we confidently expect to recruit up to last year's maximum before the end of the college year.

The football team last fall, under the able leadership of Brother Goddard, scored a signal victory over Massachusetts Delta in the annual game at Worcester. After a hard-fought battle, in which the Deltas, goaded on by the applause of their rooters of the fair sex, struggled nobly, Gamma came off victor by a score of 5 to 0. Then they turned in and deluged our fellows with good things to

“ ‘ We meet here (at Denison) Sigma Chi, a chapter of thirteen active and two pledged men, a set of fellows of whom any fraternity might well be proud.’ ”



Kappa Alpha Theta for January devotes considerable space to the report of the Educational Committee, which makes certain recommendations as to the best way of educating individual members in fraternity affairs. Among other things it suggests the establishment of educational committees in every chapter “ responsible for the study held during chapter meetings.” Continuing it says :

“ This sort of study is of much more value than individual perusal of our records, for discussion engenders a more critical view, and is more apt to bring to light points for improvement. Let the work of the committee fall into three lines :

“ a. Reading of the constitution, journals and history aloud, followed by discussions, critical and thoughtful. Do not let the chapter listen in passive receptivity.

“ b. Debates on any subject suggested in the discussion. These must be arranged at one meeting and delivered at another. Let them be short and spirited.

“ c. Oral examinations covering part of the ground. Do not attempt too much at a time. As a help make out a syllabus of the history and constitution as Phi has done. Seek through the constitution for everything said on a subject ; do not let one section or article suffice, it may be referred to again.

“ Let the committee perhaps represent each of the four classes in college. I recommend a meeting when the freshman member of the committee shall, together with the other freshmen in the chapter, constitute the examining board for the final oral examination. The effort to find suitable questions will necessitate their close study of the constitution. The freshmen must be started aright in the educational work ; in time their influence will regenerate the chapters.

“ Study fraternities at large as much as possible through their magazines, their policy and character. Get all the good possible from them for our improvement. We may be able to suggest in many ways to them through our journal, etc. The greatest result of this work will be to make each chapter feel its responsibility to the whole fraternity by acquiring a realizing sense of the

outset. We shall probably again enter the Leiter Cup series, and hope at least for a successful standing therein.

In conclusion, I can say that Massachusetts Gamma wishes a happy New Year to Sigdom and complete success to all her sister chapters. 1900 is the year of the Boston convention—we keep our eyes upon that event continually, and unless all plans fail, Boston is to entertain the biggest and most enthusiastic convention our fraternity has ever held.

With best wishes to all,

Faternally,

CLARENCE L. THURSTON.

**Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester.**

Our year thus far has passed pleasantly, and though we have but few events to chronicle, our time has been quite fully occupied, and as a chapter we have been by no means idle. Five more men have been initiated since last writing, and I am pleased to introduce Harrie H. Sherman, '01; Henry L. Fifield, '03; Frank T. Gibson, '03; Richard H. Mirick, '03, and E. Howard Reed, '02, to the other chapters. We have now taken in fourteen men this year, and our chapter now numbers thirty, which is the largest membership it has ever attained.

On November 25th the brothers of Massachusetts Gamma visited us, and our annual inter-chapter football game was played. Quite a delegation from Tech and many other friends were present, and the game was interesting and well played. As Brother Irons, our captain, explained at the supper after the game, we lost out of courtesy. These inter-chapter visits are always anticipated and remembered with pleasure, and constitute one of the happiest features of the frat life.

Dances have been held at the chapter-house, and on February 2d we had a large whist party. The house is now handsomer than ever, and is well fitted for such events. On February 22d the annual  $\Sigma A E$  dance, given by the local Sig alumni, will take place, and there is every indication that this year's will be as brilliant as those of the past. Also, we are to have on the evening before the dance an "alumni night," when the former and the present "actives" will meet for a general good time at the house.

Brother Willis, who has been taking a postgraduate course, has left us and has gone into business at Boston. Our consolation is that Boston is not so far distant but that we may hope to see him not infrequently. We are fortunate in having now near us Dr. Edward Mellus, Massachusetts Gamma, '95, whom, like all other Sigs, we are always glad to welcome to our chapter-house.

With best wishes to all the chapters, fraternally.

ROBERT F. COGGESHALL.

fraternity, and the members of the chapter can ask any questions which occur to them. This scheme has been tried at one of the Massachusetts chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon with marked success.

In this connection we quote an editorial from *Beta Theta Pi* relative to the advantage of preserving chapter memorabilia. Newspaper clippings should be included in the list, and the whole ought really to be supplemented by a narrative by the chapter historian. The article follows :

“College and fraternity memorabilia should be carefully collected and preserved by some one for each chapter. The circulars, programs, menus, dancing-cards, toast-lists, dodgers letter-heads, envelopes and the like, which seem so valueless now, will, if preserved, be a source of pleasure to the alumni a generation hence, an inspiration to the undergraduates, and a mine of wealth to the historian. How glad we should be if  $\Lambda$  and  $\Theta$  or  $\Theta$  and  $\Lambda$  or  $\Delta$  and  $\Pi$  had kept scrap-books during all the long years of their history.



We clip an editorial on shingles from the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi. Some of the chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have for some time past been furnishing initiates with chapter shingles :

“There ought to be a certificate of membership, or as it is called by college men, a ‘shingle,’ issued to each initiate by the Grand Lodge. Many fraternities and societies issue such certificates and they are greatly prized by the recipients. All that is needed is a simple design, handsomely executed, upon which the name of the initiate may be engrossed, and the seal of the Grand Lodge and the signature of the president affixed. The simpler the form the better. Indeed the form must be simple, for the ‘shingle’ is usually of small size, hardly, if any, larger than a page of the *Shield*. It is to be hoped that this matter may be taken up by the next convention and authority given to the Grand Lodge to have such a certificate designed and engraved.”



So few of the college fraternities now initiate honorary members that it is hard to understand the meaning of the

ity sisters from Rome, Ga., who was the guest of the chapter at the junior week balls. As a result, New York Alpha has a very high regard for and is very enthusiastic over our Σ A E sisters in general and one in particular. If all our Southern sisters are as charming and as loyal to Σ A E as this Sorority sister their influence cannot but help our fraternity greatly, and we trust that the expansion of the Σ A E Sorority may be rapid.

Brother Atherton, '02, has been obliged to leave the university owing to ill health, but expects to return for the spring term.

Fraternally,

FRANK DURYEA VOORHEES.

**New York Mu, Columbia University, New York.**

Our chapter now numbers ten, and we have good prospects of increasing this small number at an early date. We have initiated one man so far this year, and it is with great pleasure that I introduce Frank Maxwell Wichman to Σ A E. The chapter supports a very comfortable suite of rooms on Morningside avenue overlooking the park.

We have had the pleasure of several visits from Brother Freeman of California Beta, and from Brother Depew, a graduate of Columbia. Brother Hogarty, from the University of Colorado, is an assistant in the chemical laboratory.

Our meetings have been held regularly, and we have looked over a good many new men this year, but without much success. Σ A E has two candidates out for the crew and two for varsity baseball. Brother Harrison has written the book of the opera to be produced as the university show this year. We hope that all wandering Sigs will take pains "to step into our parlor," at 82 Morningside avenue.

With best of wishes for Σ A E at large,

Yours fraternally,

R. H. CROMWELL.

**New York Sigma-Phi, St. Stephen's College, Annandale.**

New York Sigma-Phi has another initiation to report in this letter, and two new brothers to introduce. Clarence Clark Silvester, '03, of Philadelphia, and Clinton Durant Drumm, '03, of Albany, are the new brothers; and their initiation, which took place on the evening of November the 24th, at Poughkeepsie, was the most thoroughly interesting and enjoyed initiation of the year. From beginning to end, it was one continuation of pure fun; and the horse-play antics in which the initiates were forced to indulge on the streets gave us considerable notice in the Poughkeepsie newspapers of the following day. Our "college-boy deviltry"

## Chapter Letters.

### PROVINCE ALPHA.

#### Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston University, Boston.

The news of most importance from Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon is that at two separate initiations we have introduced to the secrets of our order quite a large number of men who will prove, we have no doubt, valuable acquisitions to our chapter and to the fraternity at large.

Just at present we are in the clutches of that hydra-headed monster, the "mid-years"; and each poor one of us is "grinding," "digging," burning midnight oil until the "wee, sma' hours," with an energy which is surpassed only by our efforts to think of new schemes of horse-play for neophytes; at least, that is what each one says.

One of our most enjoyable functions, which, on the principle of "calling a spade a spade," we shall term a "beer night" (and it proved indeed to be such), was held not long ago, and we had the pleasure of the company of some brothers of a neighboring chapter—the aforesaid demon keeping brothers of another chapter from attending. At this, at least for a time, we threw "dull care away" and "to-morrow's tangles to the wind resigned," etc., *ad lib.*; but, however that ought to be viewed, every one voted the meeting a success; and when the vampire examination shall have finished his enervating career, we shall undoubtedly enjoy another.

As the time for election of our officers is reached, we can but sit back in our easy chair and, with the complacent realization of the inability to "turn us down," remark to retiring half-year officers that *no one can take our place* in wishing all Sigs of other chapters happiness and success, and in signing our chapter's letter.

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD C. STONE.

#### Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

At the present time the members of Massachusetts Iota-Tau find themselves deep in the semiannual examinations, everybody hoping that the rest of the men get no "flunks," for they are inclined to induce men to leave the institute.

This year we have come to the front somewhat in the institute affairs. Pond played full-back on the football team, and Crane

school for a part of the year, has been appointed adjutant of the Fifteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. F. T. McClure, has been appointed instructor in mathematics and science in our college. We expect to take part in all branches of athletics during the spring term, and will have several men on the baseball team, which, from all indications, will be a strong team. C. S. Selkregg is president of the sophomore class, and a member of the Campus board. With best wishes to all sister chapters.

Fraternally,

FRED M. HARPER.

**Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle.**

With one exception, all the members of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi returned to college after the Christmas holidays. Brother Freck has left us and will read law in Williamsport. Just before the close of last term, Egbert C. Norris, '03, was initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. This makes our membership nineteen.

More is crowded into the winter term at Dickinson than happens in any other term of the college year. Among the important events is the annual inter-society debate, on which Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi is represented by Brother Hardesty. Basket-ball also occupies considerable time and attention. Dickinson is developing a strong team, for which Brother Metzler is a promising candidate.

The chapter is energetically and enthusiastically preparing to entertain the Province Beta Convention in May. We want to see a large representation for every chapter in the province, and we will guarantee them a good time.

With best wishes to all  $\Sigma A E$ 's.

E. H. BROCK.

**Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.**

Since our last chapter letter to *THE RECORD* we have initiated into  $\Sigma A E$  Charlie F. Taylor, '03, and Robert B. Baillie, '02, both of whom we feel will uphold the principles of our cherished fraternity.

We also welcome the return of Brother Fred P. Dodge, ex-'00, who returned this term to pursue a course in agriculture, the only "farmer" in the chapter.

We also welcome Brother Albert J. Fetzner, '03, from Pennsylvania Omega, who affiliated with us this fall.

We beg to inform S. A. Edom that Brother John I. Robison, M.D., '95, took unto himself a spouse last December.



eat and drink, and that evening's banquet in the Worcester chapter-house was an occasion long to be remembered by the fortunate ones present. The Delta boys are always the best of hosts, but this time they fairly outdid themselves.

On Washington's birthday the chapter is to give an entertainment for its graduates, both near and far. Invitations were sent to every man who had at any time been connected with us, and many favorable replies have been received. A large attendance is expected, and we are all looking forward with pleasure to the prospect of meeting our elder brothers, as it were—who planted Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Harvard and nourished it in infancy, to hand it down to us as a full-fledged and well-established chapter. Although many of them have never met our present members, we are going to do our best to make the graduates at home, and we trust that each and every man may have the jolly time we hope him to have.

During the coming month a handicap pool and billiard tournament is to be held in our rooms. Last year and the year before that we had such tournaments, which were of great aid in bringing the fellows around to the rooms and getting them interested in things. The entry list shows that the present tournament is to be well patronized and keen rivalry is expected during its continuance.

At the annual joint initiation at Auburndale, December 9, the following men were initiated as loyal brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Joseph Guild, Jr., 1901, of Dedham, Mass.; Nelson Horatio Oliver, 1903, of Brookline, Mass., and William Edward Taylor, Jr., 1903, of Pittsburg, Pa. At a special initiation in our rooms on January 27, Theophilus Nash Buckingham, 1902, of Memphis, Tenn., took the oath which binds him to our cherished fraternity. All these new brothers are honest, sterling fellows, and are of a sort to materially raise us in the eyes of the outside world. We shall probably initiate several men at Auburndale in March, and we are talking of holding another special initiation before that time.

At the regular semiannual election of officers January 23, the following men were elected to serve during the present half year: E. A., Baker, '01; E. D. A., Ross, '01; E. R., Cheney, '01; E. T., Myers, '02; E. C., Thurston, '01; E. Ch., Douglass, '01; E. W., Taylor, '03; E. H., Gates, '02.

Already the fellows are beginning to talk baseball, and we have great hopes of wiping out the stain of Worcester's victory of last spring. Several of our men are practicing with the varsity, which will put the team in much better shape than usual at the

Gettysburg College expects to have a red-letter day on February 22d. The annual parade of the students in fantastic costumes will take place on that date and extensive preparations have already been made to insure its success. The musical clubs have arranged to take several extended trips during the latter part of this term. Brothers Lantz, Hetrick, Mehrling and Ahalt are members of the two clubs and will accompany them on these trips. Brother Lantz, captain of the baseball team, is making a great effort to develop a team that will surpass all former ones. Each evening he has a squad of men at work in the "cage" giving them hard practice. Gettysburg hopes to have a winning team this season.

The second term elections have all taken place, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon has not been forgotten. Brother Lantz was elected a member of the Roister Doister Club, our dramatic organization. Brother Hoffman was chosen a member of the basket-ball team and has recently been elected business manager of the *Mercury*, the college monthly. Brother Hetrick was selected as an associate editor of the same paper. Brother Ahalt was elected as an associate business manager on the 1902 *Spectrum* staff, and the writer was chosen business manager for the same publication. Brother Saylor is a member of the "Sons of Hercules," who give an entertainment in the gymnasium the latter part of February.

Though Pennsylvania Delta's beginning was not so bright as it might have been, she is slowly but surely creeping to the front where she is firmly resolved to plant and maintain the glorious colors of Σ A E. Fraternally yours, CLARENCE MOORE.

#### PROVINCE GAMMA.

##### North Carolina Xi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Since the last appearance of THE RECORD we have been living as college students usually live, studying a little, calling some, loafing in amounts proportionate to the different characters of the brothers, and doing some other things which also vary as to our character. On the 24th of November, death for a second time entered our chapter and took from us one whom we all loved. John Howard Alexander, '02, of Chapel Hill. Scarcely two months had passed since he became a member of our order, and we who bore him to his last resting place remembered well the happy time when he first entered our midst. Now that he is gone, the memory of his good deeds and example of his life shall abide with us who treasure his friendship and our association with him.

We take this opportunity of presenting to the fraternity our recent initiate, Fred H. Lemly, '02, of Salem, N. C., a brother of W. B. Lemly, '96.

**Connecticut Alpha, Trinity College, Hartford.**

The chapter roll of Connecticut Alpha has been increased one hundred and fifty per cent. during the present college year—fifty per cent. by affiliation, and one hundred per cent. by new members. Can any chapter show a better record in this respect? That remark is not original. Connecticut Alpha owes that compliment to one of our Harvard boys. We also owe the Harvard and M. I. T. chapters much for the royal welcome they gave us while we were in Boston.

I have bragged a good deal about our enormous increase, and I suppose there are some who want to look in the back of THE RECORD to find out where Connecticut Alpha is located. Don't. I can tell you. It is at Trinity College—the only college in the State of Connecticut (Yale is a university), and it's one of the finest colleges in the country.

The alumni of the fraternity and all who are interested in the frat want to work and help us hold the ground for Σ A E. There are steps on foot to increase her size, and we must have the support of the general fraternity, or in a few years it will be too late. Trinity is no theological seminary; it is a small but up-to-date college.

Modesty compels me to suppress any enumeration of the honors or medals we, as individuals, have acquired; sufficient it is to say that we are holding our heads among the highest in this matter.

With best wishes to all the other chapters,

Faternally yours,

AUGUSTINE H. W. ANDERSON.

**PROVINCE BETA.****New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.**

In this, our first letter to THE RECORD under our new editor, we wish to express our regret that we are obliged to sever our pleasant official connection with Brother Lakin, and extend our congratulations and fraternal regards to our new editor.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity the following brothers: Robert Johnson Neely, Sp., Portsmouth, Va.; John B. Smith, '03, E E., Plymouth, Pa.; and Carl Foster White, '03, M.E., Cleveland, Ohio. There are also two pledged men.

Brother Wright, '99, agreeably surprised the chapter by returning for three years' postgraduate work in philosophy. Brother Marland, ex-'01, paid the chapter a short visit last term.

The university has received an anonymous gift of eighty thousand dollars for a building at Ithaca for the Medical College. The new register shows a registration of 2,240 students.

The chapter had the pleasure of meeting one of our Σ A E Soror-

men and spared no pains to make our representatives have a pleasant time.

Brother J. O. Walker is at the head of an enterprising drug firm at Huntersville, N. C. He made us a pleasant call a few weeks ago.

With best wishes to all sister chapters,      Fraternally,  
J. N. McCONNELL.

**South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.**

South Carolina is progressing remarkably well this year. We have not quite so large a chapter as we had in '97-'98 and '98-'99, but our success as a fraternity, in every respect, has thus far been very good, and bids fair to continue so.

Brother J. B. Gibson, '01, represented our chapter at the Province Convention at Winston, N. C., in December, and came back to us with renewed enthusiasm for  $\Sigma A E$ , which is proving of much value to the members. More interest is being taken by our men in the fraternity at large, and a new desire to do fraternity work seems to have sprung up in us.

Brother Vance W. Brabham, '01, was elected president of the College Young Men's Christian Association for the year. This is perhaps the highest honor within the gift of the students, and Brother Brabham's career since his entrance to college has been such as to assure the members of this organization their choice of him was a wise one.

We have not initiated any new members since our last chapter letters, but have one or two men in mind who will make us good men if we can get them, and we think we can.

The efforts that are being made by the Alumni Association of the college to have the best commencement that our college has ever had next June, lead us to expect an unusually large number of  $\Sigma A E$ 's on that occasion, and we expect to entertain them royally.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters,  
Fraternally,  
THOMAS H. DANIEL.

**Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens.**

Since my last letter we have, much to our regret, lost two men who failed to return after Christmas, J. H. McIntosh and W. W. Jones. Brother McIntosh has been prominent in all spheres of college life since his entrance two years ago, and the fraternity has lost the services of a valuable man by his failure to return.

As a result of the awarding of the college honors up to this time, Brother A. J. McBride has been elected captain of the 1900 base-

found a fitting climax in a sumptuous "spread" at the Morgan House. We were joined here by several visiting brothers, who gave added zest to the good times. They were Brothers Silas Hinkley, '98, and Edward H. Virgin, '99, of Massachusetts Gamma; O. L. Glenn, of North Carolina Xi; J. E. Groce, of South Carolina Phi; and John C. Woodworth, Linwood Lewis and Watson Bartemus Selvage, of New York Sigma-Phi. Brother Woodworth was symposiarch, and not a brother present was left out of the toast-list, of which the following are only selected titles:

"A National Fraternity"..... W. B. Selvage.  
 "Birth of the Twins (N. Y. Σ Φ and N. Y. M)"..... Silas Hinkley.  
 "Frat. Life at Harvard"..... E. H. Virgin.  
 "Southern Sigs"..... J. E. Groce.  
 "Society Life as I Found It"..... C. D. Drumm.  
 "Fraternity Life as I Find It"..... C. C. Silvester.

Brothers Treder, '01, Burrows, '02, Silvester, '03, and Drumm, '03, have been awarded the privileged honor of competing in the "Intercollegiate Examination for Church College Students." The prizes range from \$100 to \$25; and we are wishing earnestly for the honor of the college and fraternity.

Brother Percy Coupland has entered the Van Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he is pursuing his chosen course in chemistry.

Wishing heartily all good things to Sig Alphas everywhere,  
 I am, fraternally,

HORACE WOOD STOWELL, '00.

#### **Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College, Meadville.**

After a silence of almost a year, you may think that Pennsylvania Omega has dropped out of the race, but we wish to inform our sister chapters that such is not the case. On the contrary we are very much alive and doing good work. Since our last letter we have initiated Andrew G. Williams, Butler, Pa., and Herbert W. Taylor, Petrolia, Pa.

In athletic lines our chapter has taken a very active part. W. S. Borland was captain and right half-back on the successful football team of '99, and is playing a star game at forward on our basket-ball team. On the football team E. G. Rhorbaugh played tackle, C. S. Selkregg, guard, A. G. Williams, full-back, and H. W. Taylor, end.

R. R. Gibson is president of the Athletic Association, and W. D. Pew is editor-in-chief of the 1900 College Annual, and a member of the athletic board. F. E. Smith holds an important place on the glee club. B. R. Williams, '00, of Butler, Pa., who was not in

We have two editors on our college annual, and several fresh honors in the literary societies.

With best wishes to all chapters, we are,

Fraternally yours,

A. W. JACKSON.

**Georgia Epsilon, Emory College, Oxford.**

We have just returned from Atlanta, the hot-bed of  $\Sigma A E$ , and it is needless to say that we had a good time. Every  $\Sigma A E$  must have heard of the banquet at which our chapter was entertained by the Atlanta Alumni Association, one of the most enjoyable spreads the writer has ever attended, hardly excepting the Nashville affair. As is our custom, we left this "vale of study" on the 19th of February for Atlanta, for the purpose of having our annual group picture made, and this done, we were in for a jolly time. The banquet was held at the Aragon, and our whole chapter was in attendance. There were about fifty plates in all, the extra number outside of our chapter being alumni, the chapter at the Tech not being represented by any active members. H. O. Cox, the great and only one, acted as toast-master. The toasts were responded to by R. H. Timmons, E. E. Pomeroy, W. N. Colquitt, Robert Griffin, and W. D. Thomson. All of the toasts were filled with a good supply of wit, as well as unbounded enthusiasm for  $\Sigma A E$ .

Since our last letter we have added one more name to our roll, and it gives me genuine pleasure to present to the fraternity Sidney G. Glenn, '04, Atlanta, Ga. Brother Glenn is a brother of John F. Glenn, of Georgia Phi. Brother Leonard, who was initiated last fall, but who was forced to withdraw from college on account of a broken arm, resumed his studies this spring. We have also lost one man from our roll—Edward H. Bussey, '03, Cuthbert, Ga., who has entered the navy.

There is little chance of initiating any more men this year, so we have now turned our attention to a study of our fraternity, both by private work and by papers read at the meetings. Our plan is this: in the order of business, just before adjournment, we have a heading of "Fraternity Topics." One week before each meeting a man is appointed to give us a talk or read a paper on some subject which we assign to him; and so far we have not had a man fail to be ready with something interesting to hear. Up to the present we have had eight or nine of these papers.

A few weeks since, we had the pleasure of a visit from our Province President. He is a loyal man, and it would be difficult to find another who would be willing to spend as much time for the fraternity as does Brother Pomeroy. His visit was of much benefit

Brother Randolph left us at Christmas vacation to accept a position in York, Pa.

Brothers McCleary, '01. and Elder, '01. are both on this year's basket-ball team. Brother McCleary was also elected to the management of the football team for 1900. Of eight officers on the college annual four are held by Sigs.

With best wishes to our sister chapters. I am

Fraternally yours,

WAYNE L. SHEARER.

#### **Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.**

Pennsylvania Zeta greets her sister chapters in the first letter of the new year, and hopes that success may everywhere attend our banner. Through the illness of Brother David Sausser, our chapter correspondent, Pennsylvania Zeta is reduced to seven in number, but although numerically weak, we are strong in enthusiasm and healthy fraternal spirit.

We have had the interior of our house extensively repaired and as a consequence it presents a very much improved appearance.

Bucknell is rapidly coming to the fore in educational circles. The total enrollment in all departments is nearly five hundred. A handsome and commodious dormitory building, to be known as "West College" is rapidly nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy in September. The faculty has been increased in number, and efforts are being made to increase the already liberal endowment.

We have enjoyed visits from Brothers Ernest Haughton, formerly of Nebraska Lamda-Pi, Geo. V. Metzel, of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, and Brother A. G. Loomis, an alumnus of our own chapter.

Fraternally,

JESS. D. EVANS.

#### **Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg.**

Since our last letter Pennsylvania Delta has been taking advantage of the opportunities offered to strengthen her foundation at every available point. A new set of by-laws has been adopted recently by the chapter, providing for the government of affairs merely local or not specified in the regular by laws.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to the time for holding the province convention which convenes at Carlisle on the first and second of May. It will be the first convention at which Pennsylvania Delta will be represented, and will be on this account the more interesting to us. We earnestly hope that arrangements can be made for bringing the delegates to Gettysburg to spend a day on the famous battle-field.

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Gettysburg College expects to have a red-letter day on February 22d. The annual parade of the students in fantastic costume will take place on that date and extensive preparations have already been made to insure its success. The musical clubs have arranged to take several extended trips during the latter part of this term. Brothers Lantz, Hetrick, Mehling and Ahalt are members of the two clubs and will accompany them on these trips. Brother Lantz, captain of the baseball team, is making a great effort to develop a team that will surpass all former ones. Every evening he has a squad of men at work in the "cage" giving them hard practice. Gettysburg hopes to have a winning team this season.

The second term elections have all taken place, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon has not been forgotten. Brother Lantz was elected a member of the Roister Doister Club, our dramatic organization. Brother Hoffman was chosen a member of the basket-ball team and has recently been elected business manager of the *Mercer*, the college monthly. Brother Hetrick was selected as an associate editor of the same paper. Brother Ahalt was elected as an associate business manager on the 1902 *Spectrum* staff, and the writer was chosen business manager for the same publication. Brother Saylor is a member of the "Sons of Hercules," who give an entertainment in the gymnasium the latter part of February.

Though Pennsylvania Delta's beginning was not so bright as it might have been, she is slowly but surely creeping to the front where she is firmly resolved to plant and maintain the glorious colors of Σ A E. Fraternally yours, CLARENCE MOORE.

### PROVINCE GAMMA.

#### North Carolina Xi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Since the last appearance of THE RECORD we have been living as college students usually live, studying a little, calling some, loafing in amounts proportionate to the different characters of the brothers, and doing some other things which also vary as to our character. On the 24th of November, death for a second time entered our chapter and took from us one whom we all loved, John Howard Alexander, '02, of Chapel Hill. Scarcely two months had passed since he became a member of our order, and we who bore him to his last resting place remembered well the happy time when he first entered our midst. Now that he is gone, the memory of his good deeds and example of his life shall abide with us who treasure his friendship and our association with him.

We take this opportunity of presenting to the fraternity our recent initiate, Fred H. Lemly, '02, of Salem, N. C., a brother of W. B. Lemly, '96.



Our delegates to the Province Gamma convention, held in Winston-Salem during the holidays, have returned inspired with new zeal to work for our fraternity, and are enthusiastic over the pleasures of the convention, and the happy acquaintances they made with  $\Sigma$  A E's from all over the four States of the province. They wish to express here their appreciation of the hospitality of the Winston-Salem people in general, and of the Winston-Salem  $\Sigma$  A E's in particular. Wishing each and every chapter and member of the fraternity a pleasant and prosperous year, I am

Fraternally,

ALFRED R. BERKELEY.

**North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson.**

Since the holiday season our college life has been quiet, but we have been at work. We are glad to introduce Peter Gaillard Gourdin, '02, of Kingstree, S. C., who is a recent initiate.

We tried to send a good delegation to the convention at Winston, and according to the testimony of the other chapters ours was the strongest delegation there. Your correspondent was not able to attend, but our representatives report a pleasant time and are loud in their praises of the hospitality of the Winston brethren. It was with regret that they left at the close of the convention.

These conventions are productive of much good, for they bring the different chapters in close contact, and the exchange of ideas is always of mutual benefit. They also increase one's knowledge in the working part and foundation of the fraternity.

We intend to celebrate Founder's Day with appropriate exercises and a banquet. This will offer an opportunity of studying the history of our order, and we hope that we shall be made more enthusiastic by the study of our past history, for it is certainly one to be proud of.

The college is now in a prosperous condition, and doing good work. There are four other fraternities in college besides ours.

Our alumni in town give us a great deal of assistance and always manifest an interest in our work.

Brother C. S. Matthews, who has been taking a postgraduate course here, has left us and is now teaching at Parksville, S. C. Brother Matthews made us a splendid delegate to the convention, for his genial manner and ready wit always make him a favorite.

Brother Archibald Currie, principal of the high school at this place, went with our delegation to Winston to show his affection for his foster mother.

Brother H. P. Brown, of Brown Bros., Manufacturers, at Winton, received our delegates most cordially. He is one of Theta's

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men and spared no pains to make our representatives have a pleasant time.

Brother J. O. Walker is at the head of an enterprising drug firm at Huntersville, N. C. He made us a pleasant call a few weeks ago.

With best wishes to all sister chapters.      Fraternally,  
J. N. McCONNELL.

### **South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.**

South Carolina is progressing remarkably well this year. We have not quite so large a chapter as we had in '97-'98 and '98-'99 but our success as a fraternity, in every respect, has thus far been very good, and bids fair to continue so.

Brother J. B. Gibson, '01, represented our chapter at the Province Convention at Winston, N. C., in December, and came back to us with renewed enthusiasm for  $\Sigma$  A E, which is proving much value to the members. More interest is being taken by our men in the fraternity at large, and a new desire to do fraternity work seems to have sprung up in us.

Brother Vance W. Brabham, '01, was elected president of the College Young Men's Christian Association for the year. This perhaps the highest honor within the gift of the students, and Brother Brabham's career since his entrance to college has been such as to assure the members of this organization their choice of him was a wise one.

We have not initiated any new members since our last chapter letters, but have one or two men in mind who will make us good men if we can get them, and we think we can.

The efforts that are being made by the Alumni Association of the college to have the best commencement that our college has ever had next June, lead us to expect an unusually large number of  $\Sigma$  A E's on that occasion, and we expect to entertain them royally.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters,  
Fraternally,  
THOMAS H. DANIEL.

### **Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens.**

Since my last letter we have, much to our regret, lost two men who failed to return after Christmas, J. H. McIntosh and W. W. Jones. Brother McIntosh has been prominent in all spheres of college life since his entrance two years ago, and the fraternity has lost the services of a valuable man by his failure to return.

As a result of the awarding of the college honors up to this time, Brother A. J. McBride has been elected captain of the 1900 base-

ball team. Brothers Charlton and Andrews are manager and assistant manager of the same team, and Brother John L. Erwin is manager of the 1900 track team. Brother R. S. Denmark has been elected president of Phi Kappa Literary Society.

There is now in college more good feeling and harmony between the different fraternities than has been known to exist here in the recent past, and as a consequence of this condition of affairs there has begun what all good men in college hope to see—the practical destruction of factions.

An event which interests the college in general, and  $\Sigma A E$  especially, as both the baseball and track seasons are in the hands of Brothers McBride, Charlton, Andrews and Erwin, is the bazaar to be given soon by the young ladies of Athens for the benefit of the Athletic Association. The young ladies have gone about this work with enthusiasm, and the bazaar has every promise of success.

But few men entered college after Christmas, and  $\Sigma A E$  received no additions to her ranks.

Fraternally yours,

HERBERT J. McBRIDE.

#### Georgia Psi, Mercer University, Macon.

Georgia Psi is pursuing "the even tenor of her way." Our little band seems to grow more enthusiastic and fraternal as the days are enrolled with the mysterious past.

We have initiated no new men since our last communication. All of our men returned after the holidays except one, Brother Louis Tisinger.

We are anticipating a glorious time on Founder's Day. A reception is being arranged, and light refreshments will be served.

Our tennis-court has been put in order. Although we are "rushing" the season, the weather so far has been very propitious.

We have adopted a plan in our regular meetings that render them more entertaining and instructive. The special feature is the reading of a paper by some member on such subjects, as "Ante-bellum History of  $\Sigma A E$ ," "Post-bellum History," "Comparative Study of Fraternities," etc. One subject is taken at every meeting. Two weeks are given the member to prepare. His paper is limited to ten minutes, after which he is open to questions on that particular topic. Then follows a general discussion by volunteers. By this method we are learning our glorious past and arming ourselves for battle when rushing season dawns again.

Brother Carreker, our representative at Gamma Province Convention, reports a great time. A little bird whispers to us that he did himself proud at the banquet and reflected great credit on his chapter when he responded to the toasts, "The Ladies."

**Indiana Beta, Purdue University, Lafayette.**

Although our outlook at the beginning of the year was somewhat gloomy, we have experienced greater success than we had anticipated, and, aside from a necessary effort to keep our chapter-house, we have had so far one of the many prosperous years that mark the life of Indiana Beta, and we have every right to feel proud.

We have not given as many parties as has been the custom, but we have entertained at our chapter-house by giving a "harvest party," which was a thorough success, and again by giving a "smoker" for the chapters of Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu. The evening was spent most enjoyably, and brotherly feeling and true fraternity spirit reigned throughout.

We have two recent initiates whom we wish to introduce: H. L. Gordon, '00, Rochester, N. Y., and Richard Canterbury, '02, Chicago. We have also pledged four men.

We have enjoyed a short visit from our Province president, Brother W. A. Snow, and last fall some of our brothers from Illinois Beta favored us with a few hours after the Illinois-Purdue football game.

We have received a few letters from our alumni, which we greatly appreciate, and I am sure, if our alumni knew how much we were interested in their welfare, they would honor us with more.

Yours in Σ A E,

PAUL B. SAWYER.

**Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston.**

The March issue will find us entering on the second semester, with little to do except to keep our eyes open for desirable men who may come to school next year. The change of terms does not deprive us of any one; in fact, we expect to have our number increased by one or two when the new term begins.

Dr. Henry Wade Rogers, our president, recently called a meeting of the fraternity men for the purpose of proposing certain changes in the conduct of fraternity affairs. Among other things, he wished to postpone rushing and pledging of freshmen until the beginning of their second semester. This was declared impracticable by all the chapters represented. Dr. Rogers also desired us to abolish public "horse-play." Following the general example, we yielded to his wishes in this matter. Without doubt his action was precipitated by exaggerated accounts of our last initiation which appeared in some of the Chicago papers. For some time Northwestern has been suffering more than usual from wordiness of "those reporters." Though we are sorry to see the "horse-

to our chapter: the boys seem more loyal than before, for Pomeroy gave us some good suggestions, which we have to a great extent carried out. The Province Convention did a wise thing when they reelected Brother Pomeroy to this most responsible position.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters,

Fraternally,

J. RALEIGH PATTILLO.

#### **Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta.**

Since my last letter to THE RECORD Georgia Phi has initiated three men, all of whom make us enthusiastic members and hard workers for  $\Sigma$  A E. I have the pleasure of introducing F. R. Maddox, '03, of Rome, Ga.; W. P. Barnes, '03, of Griffin, Ga., and G. R. Glenn, '04, of Atlanta, Ga.

Although we lost several good men during the Christmas holidays, our active members now number twenty-six. Our meetings are attended by many of the alumni of Atlanta, and they help to make the meetings enjoyed by every one. Very often we do not close until a late hour of the night.

Georgia Phi hopes to celebrate Founder's Day by a banquet.

Wishing all sister chapters much success, I am

Yours in  $\Sigma$  A E.

W. P. SULLIVAN.

#### **PROVINCE DELTA.**

##### **Michigan Iota-Beta, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.**

Since writing the last chapter letter we have had several enjoyable surprises in the form of alumni dropping in on us. Brother Decker, '96, now located at Ely, Nevada, spent several days with us. It is needless to say that we thoroughly enjoyed his visit. We are always glad to see the old "Sigs," and if any pass this way they will always find the latch-string on the outside of the door.

Several of our alumni have foresworn the vows of celibacy and have become happy "benedicts." Brother Kennedy, '96, was married to Miss Mary Lydia Frame of Piqua, Ohio, on December 14, and is now living in Detroit. On Thursday, the 18th of January, Brother Finck, '96, was united in marriage to Miss May Ida Pungs of Detroit. A number of the men from our chapter attended the wedding, and we managed to furnish our quota of rice.

Brother Keith, '99, stopped over with us for a day and had considerable news regarding movements among the alumni.

On February 9, the annual dance, known as the Junior Hop, takes place and we expect to have a family gathering of all the old "Sigs." This dance is the most important social function of the year, and is given entirely by the "frats," although the "non-frats" are allowed representation by one man in order that it may

with him on the '01 *Illio* board, as he holds the enviable (?) position of roast editor.

We have two men on the *Illini* staff, the president and secretary of the oratorical association, and one representative on the military band. One of our new men promises to make the varsity baseball team in the spring. Brother B. H. Campbell, president of the Bryan Democratic Club, delivered an address at the national anti-trust conference held at Chicago in February. Brother O. A. Leutwiler, '99, one of our faculty members, was a delegate to the national convention of the T B II fraternity held at Cleveland, Ohio, last fall.

We have been exerting ourselves especially this last semester in furnishing and decorating our rooms, and as a result our headquarters now present a very cozy and homelike appearance. We spend many happy hours together, and we feel that we are rapidly getting into the spirit of our fraternity. President McKinley recently presented our chapter with his photograph and autograph, and our honored member now looks down upon and approves of our meetings. With best wishes to the whole race of Sigdom, I am

Fraternally yours,

HARLAN HOYT HORNER.

### PROVINCE EPSILON.

#### Kentucky Kappa, Central University, Richmond.

Since our last letter to THE RECORD an event of much interest to Kentucky Kappa has taken place, the opening of our new hall, which is one of the prettiest here. For several years we have been badly in need of a new hall, but there has been no suitable place in town until now. The hall is brilliantly lighted by ten electric lights and the smooth floor is covered with canvas, and since the opening several enjoyable dances have been given.

Since our last letter we have lost three valuable men, Brothers Hampton, Banks and Kinnel. Brother Hampton is an old member of Kentucky Kappa, and left for his home in Arkansas to accept a very flattering position. Brother Banks, who was initiated this year, was taken sick and forced to leave college, and Brother Kinnel, another new man, received an appointment to Annapolis. However, we have initiated another man, and it is with pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity W. H. Lassing. Brother Lassing had two brothers, both Sig Alphas, and while at Central, between them they captured thirteen medals.

As usual, Kentucky Kappa has her share of honors in athletics. On the board of control, on which there are only three students, we have two, Tadlock and Thompson. Brother Thompson is also

"coeducated" members who have furnished us with the softest cushions and dainty head-rests. We hope this custom of leaving some reminder in the chapter-house parlors will become an epidemic and all our members may catch the disease.

The chapter-house is well filled. The associations are pleasant, and the congeniality among the members is marked.

Our social regulations are more strict than formerly, yet we manage to have many pleasant times. January 10, 1900, will ever stand out prominently in the history of Ohio Sigma. Brother John E. Morris, superintendent of city schools, entertained Sigma Alpha Epsilon in honor of Brother Heaton W. Harris, consul-elect to Mannheim, Germany. The evening's fun started with a Rah! Rah! Bon Ton! Sigma Alpha Epsilon! Then came the dinner, forty-four men, active and alumni, being present. After which Toast-master Morris took charge of the boys. He gently toasted and aptly roasted until he had brought out productions after this manner:

"Our Diplomatic Service".....T. Gordon Maxwell  
American Diplomacy, founded on frankness, simplicity and truth, is second to none in the world.

"American Pork".....Charles T. Austin  
Germany will never be our friend until the American hog can look into the beaming German's face without a blush.

"Sigma Alpha Epsilon".....John H. Price  
We pledge to each other our wealth, our lives, and our sacred honor.

And these were not all. Hon. David Fording, father of two Sigs, was there. Having been a law partner of Consul Harris, he was called on to speak. Though up in years, he became young again in the presence of the boys and gave them a rousing address.

Brother Harris responded in a very happy way to these addresses. His reminiscences of college days were enjoyed greatly, and the impromptu orators came next, Meredith, Knotts and Jeffries. With a few words from the writer in presenting to our departing brother a fraternity pin, bidding him keep it as a token of our esteem, the reception ended.

With best wishes to all chapters of our beloved fraternity, I am  
Faternally yours, FRANK E. MCGUIRE.

Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

A successful year was predicted for Ohio Delta, and owing to the untiring efforts of those who have the welfare of the fraternity at heart, these predictions are being verified.

Since our last letter we have initiated Asbury H. Herrick, '03, Chicopee Falls, Mass., and Frank A. Cole, '03, Ravenna, Ohio. In addition to this we have pledged five men, making us twenty-seven strong at present. We are the largest fraternity in the college, though the other fraternities are acting upon the advice given them by the faculty, to increase their numbers, and are doing so from time to time.

The faculty are endeavoring to get in closer touch with the students and to give us a larger social life in the university. To this end the ladies of the faculty gave a reception to the students in the library reading-room on the evening of February 22. A large crowd was present, and it was a very enjoyable occasion. Several of the men appeared slightly disfigured as a result of the "clap-rushes" indulged in during the day; but this was a natural consequence and excited no comment.

The pleasantest event connected with the social life of our fraternity was the reception held at the "Frat" house on the evening of St. Valentine's day. On that evening the doors of the house were thrown open to twenty-five  $\Sigma \Lambda \Theta$  girls, with the President of the university, Dr. Bushford, his wife and niece, and Dr. Duvall, the chairman of the Social Committee, and his wife, as chaperons.

Among the many enjoyable features of the evening were several vocal selections by the  $\Sigma \Lambda \Theta$  Glee Club, instrumental music by several of the ladies, and a solo by Mrs. Duvall.

One of the rooms was fitted up as a wizard's den, and here Brother McCull, as chief wizard, mixed certain potions, which were guaranteed to give to the imbibers the fulfillment of their hopes and plans. The fortunes of many of the young ladies were told with such marvelous accuracy that Brother McCull won an enviable reputation as a mind-reader and prophet.

Brother Zeigler, as assistant magician, sketched and gave to each, souvenirs suitable to the occasion.

Various games were indulged in during the evening.  $\Sigma \Lambda \Theta$  punch was served, and at a late hour guests departed, profuse in their praises of our house and of the enjoyable evening that they had spent, and vowing there was no "frat" equal to  $\Sigma \Lambda \Theta$ .

We expect to have two men on the baseball team this spring, and are getting our share of the offices in class elections, literary societies and Y. M. C. A.

Brothers Cherington and Wilson will represent us in the preliminary contest for the oratorical contest.

With best wishes for the success of every chapter and of each member, I am,

Fraternally,

THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS.



**Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati.**

Since our last letter things have progressed smoothly for Ohio Epsilon. The fall term found us with our full complement of men with the exception of Brother Sibbet, '01, who has taken unto himself a wife, Miss May O. Sampson, and is living near Los Angeles, Cal.

One of the most delightful features of the past year have been the visits from  $\Sigma A E$ 's of other chapters. Brother G. Hendree Harrison spent a couple of days with us, and quite took the chapter by storm with his delightful personality. We were pleased also to receive Brothers Mulkeron, '91, of Tennessee Zeta, B. F. Andres, '03, of Kentucky Kappa, and C. C. Jett, of Kentucky Epsilon.

Three of our boys, Grange, Pierson and Newkirk, were privileged to attend the installation of Kentucky Epsilon. They unite in reporting a grand good time.

Five or six of us intend to be present at the Province Convention on the 9th of March, and on this account our Founder's Day Banquet has been postponed until the 21st. It is our tenth anniversary, and we look forward to a most enjoyable time.

With best wishes to sister chapters,

Fraternally,

EDWIN L. HUTCHINS.

**Ohio Theta, Ohio State University, Columbus.**

Our hopes and expectations at the beginning of the year have been fulfilled. Ohio Theta is enjoying a prosperous and happy year. A chapter of strong, earnest men, full of real fraternity spirit, cannot but keep us well at the front.

I take pleasure in introducing to the world of  $\Sigma A E$  two new men: Spencer A. Cook, of Chillicothe, Ohio, and John D. Andrews, of Hamilton, Ohio. Brother Cook is a graduate of the Chillicothe High School, and comes to us with several honors in scholarship. Brother Andrews graduated from the New York Military Academy, and comes thoroughly recommended.

Everything now is preparation for the coming Province Convention. We are putting forth every effort to make it in every way a great success. Besides the present chapter and visiting delegates, we expect a large number of our alumni.

We extend an invitation to all the members of the individual chapters to be present. A hearty welcome is assured, and the support and cooperation of every one is necessary to make the convention what it should be.

With best wishes to our sister chapters,

Fraternally,

GEO. C. DICKINSON.

**Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.**

Since our last letter the progress of Tennessee Omega has been marked by steady advancement. We have been well represented in all departments of the university, and the prospects for the coming term are very bright.

Though we have lost several brothers who have left the university, our ranks have been filled by new initiates, and we take pleasure in presenting to the general fraternity Brothers G. W. Croft, E. M. Reardon, C. Phinzy, W. E. Graves and J. B. Snowden. We have also had with us Brother H. T. Bull of Massachusetts Gamma.

Our chapter-house has received a much-needed addition, namely a pool-table.

The brothers of Tennessee Omega are at present enjoying the winter vacation, but on March 15th we shall come together again to take our part in the spring rush, hoping to secure what desirable material there may be in the field.

With best wishes for the other chapters,

Fraternally, J. C. JAMES.

**Alabama Mu, University of Alabama, University.**

Since our last letter we have take in one more new man, Mr. John Thomas McCants, '08, of Talladega, Ala. Austin has been elected president of the freshman class and Noble vice-president.

Powe has been chosen captain of the baseball team and several others of our men stand a very good chance of making the team.

Our chapter gave a very pleasant german on the night of the 16th of this month. Brother Plowman, with Miss Moody of Tuscaloosa, led the members of the chapter, their invited guests, and the fair ladies of the Druid City, through a number of pretty figures. On account of the strict antidancing laws now in force at the university, we were compelled to stop at a rather early hour, but every one had a fine time while it lasted.

With best wishes for the other chapters, I am,

Fraternally,

R. I. LITTLE.

**Alabama Iota, Southern University, Greensboro.**

Since our last letter Alabama Iota has enjoyed uninterrupted peace. Yet this time has not been idly spent. New men were to be trained in fraternity work, and the general interests of the fraternity were to be looked after. This time, then, has been occupied for the most part with making internal advancement.

The most notable events of the last two months have been two

play" go, we realize that the dignity of the college fraternity can be better maintained without it.

I take pleasure in presenting the following new men: Ernest L. Pratt and Seymour E. Wheelock, of Wilmette. Both these brothers did very good work on the football team, Brother Wheelock as half-back and Brother Pratt as substitute quarter.

Several weeks ago Brother Thompson and wife gave a card-party for us in our parlors. Needless to say, all of the fair and some of the braves of the university were present. Our rooms looked particularly bright that evening, and we intend soon to repeat the scene, the occasion to be a musicale.

College circles were shocked by the sudden death of the Dean of our Woman's Hall, Miss Anna Bowen, who was popular and well known in the literary world. She had a splendid record, and her career was one of great promise. Mrs. Emily Huntington Miller is now in charge of the young ladies.

We have received visits from a number of Sig Alphas, among others, from Brothers Garrard Harris, Rader, Sawyer, Regan, French and Kayser. We keep ourselves well informed on matters of general fraternity interest; and though we have not yet selected a man, we hope to be represented at the Province Convention.

Fraternally yours,

PAUL W. SCHLORFF.

#### Illinois Beta, University of Illinois, Champaign.

College students are ever ready for celebrations and merrymakings, but the one time of all others when jubilees are in order is immediately after a long siege of "exams." The semester examinations at the University of Illinois closed on Friday, February 2, and Illinois Beta chose the evening of that day as a very opportune time for her second annual banquet. The "exams" were over, the tension was off, we were ready for a good time, and we had it. In addition to our nineteen active members, there were present with us Brothers Worthen, '98, Hoagland, '99, Holcomb, ex-'01, Brothers R. S. Moore and T. R. Cummins of Pennsylvania Zeta, and two gentlemen whom we hope in our next letter to introduce as members of Σ A E. The banquet was a very enjoyable affair for all present, and was productive of much good in creating a feeling of good fellowship among our new members. After the dinner came the usual toasts, C. E. Sheldon acting as toast-master.

Since our last letter we have initiated one man, and we are glad to introduce to Σ A E Frank G. Frost, of Mattoon, Ill. Brother Frost is a member of the junior class and is the business manager of the *Illio*, our college annual. Your correspondent is associated

with him on the '01 *Illio* board, as he holds the enviable (?) position of roast editor.

We have two men on the *Illini* staff, the president and secretary of the oratorical association, and one representative on the military band. One of our new men promises to make the varsity baseball team in the spring. Brother B. H. Campbell, president of the Bryan Democratic Club, delivered an address at the national anti-trust conference held at Chicago in February. Brother O. A. Leutwiler, '99, one of our faculty members, was delegate to the national convention of the T B U fraternity held at Cleveland, Ohio, last fall.

We have been exerting ourselves especially this last semester in furnishing and decorating our rooms, and as a result our headquarters now present a very cozy and homelike appearance. We spend many happy hours together, and we feel that we are rapidly getting into the spirit of our fraternity. President McKinley recently presented our chapter with his photograph and autograph and our honored member now looks down upon and approves our meetings. With best wishes to the whole race of Sigdom, I am

Fraternally yours,

HARLAN HOYT HORNER.

#### PROVINCE EPSILON.

##### Kentucky Kappa, Central University, Richmond.

Since our last letter to THE RECORD an event of much interest to Kentucky Kappa has taken place, the opening of our new hall, which is one of the prettiest here. For several years we have been badly in need of a new hall, but there has been no suitable place in town until now. The hall is brilliantly lighted by ten electric lights and the smooth floor is covered with canvas, and since the opening several enjoyable dances have been given.

Since our last letter we have lost three valuable men, Brothers Hampton, Banks and Kinnel. Brother Hampton is an old member of Kentucky Kappa, and left for his home in Arkansas to accept a very flattering position. Brother Banks, who was initiated this year, was taken sick and forced to leave college, and Brother Kinnel, another new man, received an appointment to Annapolis. However, we have initiated another man, and it is with pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity W. H. Lassing. Brother Lassing had two brothers, both Sig Alphas, and while at Central, between them they captured thirteen medals.

As usual, Kentucky Kappa has her share of honors in athletics. On the board of control, on which there are only three students, we have two, Tadlock and Thompson. Brother Thompson is also

secretary of the athletic association and manager of the football team, while the writer is manager of the baseball team. Brother Thompson played a star game last year in left field, and will have the same position this year. Brother Toy will in all probability be one of the pitchers for the team, while Brothers Benton and McClelland have good chances of getting on the team. Brother Rowell won the intercollegiate declamation contest, which was held in this city. The following colleges were represented in the contest: Kentucky State College, Kentucky University, Kentucky Wesleyan and Central.

Eleven of our members attended the initiation of the E. S. society in Lexington, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. After the initiation we repaired to the Leland Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served.

The chapter was greatly honored by a visit from Brother Hendree Harrison this week. He reports our chapter in excellent condition and praised our new hall very highly.

Kentucky Kappa is proud of the fact that Mr. Beckham, the present governor of Kentucky, is an old member of Kentucky Kappa. Brother Stevenson, a graduate of Central University, is in charge of the military department this year. Brother Rowell is captain and Brother Howell is first lieutenant. The chapter now numbers fifteen and is in a flourishing condition. With best wishes to our sister chapters,

Yours in  $\Sigma A E$ ,

T. CURRY DEDMAN.

#### Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.

We have recently lost by death one of our charter members, Mr. Virgil Alonzo Garnett. He took an A.B. in '58 and an A.M. in '65. He served in the 1st Kentucky Cavalry from 1861 to 1865. Kentucky Iota feels that she has lost a well-wisher and a true friend.

Since our last letter we have initiated four men, and now wish to introduce to our sister chapters Hugh Baid Callahan, 1904, Fulton, Ky.; Carl White Blanks, 1904, Mortons Gap, Ky.; Guy Bacon, 1904, Trenton, Ky.; Urey Guess Davis, 1903, Russellville, Ky.; Edgar Marshall Nuckles, 1904, Bell, Ky.; Carter Harrison Hardy, 1904, Russellville, Ky.; John E. Poor, 1904, Olmstead, Ky.

At the first of the year the prospect looked dark for Kentucky Iota, but now everything is bright. Every man stands well in class and in society, and all passed with honor through the examinations.

A meeting of the Athletic Club last Saturday resulted in the election of the following Sigs: W. E. Moore, president; J. E. Poor, secretary; Prescott Sandidge, captain of field sports;

L. D. Denton, manager of the baseball team. W. H. Morgan, W. E. Moore and John E. Poor are on the Executive Committee.

We were pleased to-day to have a visit from the Province Secretary and Treasurer. He has aroused our enthusiasm more than ever. We wish our sister chapters as prosperous a term as Kentucky Iota is having.

Yours fraternally,

L. DUDWARD DENTON.

#### **Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville.**

Since our last letter old Zeta has been moving along as usual. While not as large as some chapters, we have as fine and congenial a set of fellows as can be found anywhere.

We continue to take our part in the affairs of college life. Brother Lotterhos is secretary of the class of 1901. Brothers Moore and Booth have been chosen two of the three representatives from their literary society on the inter-society oratorical contest.

Brothers Wilson, McDonald and Booth were "end-men" in the minstrel show given by the students recently. Brother Booth was our representative at the Convention of Province Epsilon at Knoxville, and was elected secretary and treasurer and editor-in-chief of the annual catalogue. He reports a good convention and a most enjoyable visit.

The writer not long ago had a most delightful visit with Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville, and found them in good shape and a fine set of fellows. They have the largest chapter in the college and get a full share of the honors.

We are preparing for a celebration of Founder's Day, about which we will tell in our next letter.

With warmest fraternal greetings to the sister chapters,

I am, fraternally,

GEO. D. BOOTH.

#### **Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.**

Our calendar registers a new month and a new term; this reminds us that it is time to make another contribution to the columns of our favorite journal.

The brothers of this chapter have just gone through the trying ordeal of mid-year examinations, and while our ranks may look a little care-worn and worsted from the smoke of battle, yet the fire of fraternal enthusiasm is still aglow within our hearts.

We have had the pleasure recently of having Dr. W. Thompson Berry visit us. Brother Berry is an alumnus of Vanderbilt University and is now practicing his profession in Birmingham. We are glad to see that he has lost none of the zeal with which he

worked for Tennessee Nu while with us, and as an evidence of this, he has organized an alumni association in his city.

Brother Stahle, a '97 of Pennsylvania Delta and now connected with a large drug firm in Memphis, paid us a call during the month. This brother from the east says he has "fallen right in to southern ways;" we won't attempt to interpret him, but are always glad to hear of our fraternity as proving national in spirit as well as in name.

Our hearts were made glad yesterday by receipt of our new Ritual and several copies of By-Laws. We think the new Ritual splendid and feel the advantage of such material to help us in our work.

The Grecian world in our university seems to be moving on in the even tenor of its way, without forces to disturb from within or without. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is holding her own and contributing her part to fraternity life. We are unanimous in the opinion that the fraternity has added more during the past term to the pleasure and profit of our college life than anything else, and we shall ever strive to honor our noble order as it has honored us, remembering always the emblem that stands for all that is true and noble and good.

With best wishes for every  $\Sigma$  A E in every land, I am,

Fraternally yours,

M. E. HOLDERNESS.

#### **Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.**

Tennessee Kappa sends greetings to all the chapters of our fraternity, with best wishes for the new year, which we feel sure must be marked by great prosperity and advancement in the interest of all.

Since the last issue of THE RECORD the most important event in the life of Tennessee Kappa has been the convention of Province Epsilon, which was held here in Knoxville in December, and which is described elsewhere.

In this issue we take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity the names of our recent initiates: T. L. Gibson of Stanton, Tenn.; Allen Harris of Johnson City, Tenn., and T. H. Allen of Memphis.

At recent elections in the University of Tennessee Athletic Association the following of our men received office: W. H. Newman, captain of the baseball team, and T. R. Cornick, manager. W. H. Gildersleeve has been made president of the Engineering Society; which is one of the leading organizations in the University.

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT T. SUMMEY.

**Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.**

Since our last letter the progress of Tennessee Omega has been marked by steady advancement. We have been well represented in all departments of the university, and the prospects for the coming term are very bright.

Though we have lost several brothers who have left the university, our ranks have been filled by new initiates, and we take pleasure in presenting to the general fraternity Brothers G. A. Croft, E. M. Reardon, C. Phinzy, W. E. Graves and J. B. Snowden. We have also had with us Brother H. T. Bull of Massachusetts Gamma.

Our chapter-house has received a much-needed addition, namely a pool-table.

The brothers of Tennessee Omega are at present enjoying the winter vacation, but on March 15th we shall come together again to take our part in the spring rush, hoping to secure what desirable material there may be in the field.

With best wishes for the other chapters,

Faternally, J. C. JAMES.

**Alabama Mu, University of Alabama, University.**

Since our last letter we have taken in one more new man, Mr. John Thomas McCants, '03, of Talladega, Ala. Austin has been elected president of the freshman class and Noble vice-president.

Powe has been chosen captain of the baseball team and several others of our men stand a very good chance of making the team.

Our chapter gave a very pleasant german on the night of the 16th of this month. Brother Plowman, with Miss Moody of Tuscaloosa, led the members of the chapter, their invited guests, and the fair ladies of the Druid City, through a number of pretty figures. On account of the strict antidancing laws now in force at the university, we were compelled to stop at a rather early hour, but every one had a fine time while it lasted.

With best wishes for the other chapters, I am,

Faternally,

R. I. LITTLE.

**Alabama Iota, Southern University, Greensboro.**

Since our last letter Alabama Iota has enjoyed uninterrupted peace. Yet this time has not been idly spent. New men were to be trained in fraternity work, and the general interests of the fraternity were to be looked after. This time, then, has been occupied for the most part with making internal advancement.

The most notable events of the last two months have been two



entertainments given for the chapter. On the night of December 1st, '99, about fourteen sons of  $\Sigma A E$ , with fair companions, assembled at the residence of Mrs. Pickett, mother of our enthusiastic brother, J. M. Pickett. They were come together for a merry, good time, and well was their object accomplished. The time till about ten o'clock was spent in talking; in telling the experiences so common to college life. Then refreshments were served, and, judging from the way in which they were eaten, there were no fond lovers who were satisfied with the food of their own affections. The night was ideal, the crowd was not too large, the ladies were charming, and the gentlemen tried to be so. When the time came to go the young ladies were saying that no boys knew how to entertain like the  $\Sigma A E$  boys, and the boys were anxious to have another the next night to get them to say it again.

Another event which was a source of the greatest pleasure to those who were present was the reception given by Brother Pickens of Alabama Alpha-Mu, who lives in this city. This occasion was on December 28th, during the holidays, and on this account many of the members of the chapter were kept from attending. However, those who were fortunate enough to be present said that it was another of those royal events which Brother Pickens's mother and sister know so well how to give.

These occasions are like cords binding our members into a closer fraternal relationship, and are an inspiration inciting them to harder work and more persistent effort for the success of  $\Sigma A E$ .

We take pleasure in announcing the initiation of S. H. Welch into our fraternity.

There are several honors which our members have taken this year. but we will wait till our next letter to record them.

With best wishes, I remain yours in  $\Sigma A E$ ,

F. K. GAMBLE.

### PROVINCE ZETA.

#### Missouri Beta, Washington University, St. Louis.

Notwithstanding the fact that the opening of the present scholastic year found us with only five members and without a room, Missouri Beta is now enjoying a prosperity which she has not experienced for a number of years. After several interviews with the proper authorities we were given the use of a room in one of the university buildings. Brother Alt had charge of the furnishing and fitting up of the room, and he is certainly to be thanked and congratulated for his good work.

We have again entered the medical department, and are deter-

mined to secure representatives in all the professional department of the university.

St. Louis has now a well-organized alumni association. Its first social gathering took the form of a banquet, Dr. Robert C. Atkinson, Virginia Kappa, '61, and Virginia Omega, '66, officiating as toast-master; about thirty members were present.

As a result of our success in rushing, we have the pleasure of introducing to  $\Sigma A E$  the following initiates: H. C. Toensfeld, '00, J. S. Stephens, '02, F. T. Cutts, '02, O. G. Stoffregen, '03, W. Neun, '03, C. S. Devoy, '03, and E. C. Wagner, '03, all of St. Louis. Besides these seven loyal men we have pledged two sophomores.

Yours fraternally,

O. F. HARTING.

#### Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

The members of Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon have been busy with examinations for the last three or four weeks, and so there is very little news at this time. But the untiring zeal and deep interest that the fellows have in the welfare of the fraternity has kept them busy with the internal workings of the chapter, and we feel that we are becoming stronger every day. At no time in the history of the chapter has there been a brighter outlook for us than now. That necessary quality of individual co-operation in everything that is undertaken is one of which Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon may truly boast, and, having this, she will surely be able to hold her own among all rivals. We are weak in numbers, it is true, but strong in heart and energy to do.

We were given an entertainment recently by Mrs. T. J. Reynolds, of this place, in honor of the birthday of Brother McConnell. To say we had a great time is putting it mildly, for the fun and genuine good time that we had cannot be described in words. When the time came to depart the fellows could contain themselves no longer, and, without regard for the time or place, made the air reverberate with "Phi Alpha Aleeazee," and said good-night with the declaration that Mrs. Reynolds was one of the finest of hostesses.

Brother Moore has been elected valedictorian of the class of '00.

We are making some improvements in our rooms and are being greatly aided by our loyal  $\Sigma A E$  sisters.

With best wishes, I remain fraternally yours.

CHAS. B. FOSTER.

#### PROVINCE ETA.

##### Colorado Chi, University of Colorado, Boulder.

The event of most interest to the members of Colorado Chi since our last letter was the convention of Eta Province, which occur-

red in Denver during the Christmas holidays. We sent a large and enthusiastic representation, and much was gathered from the convention that will prove to be helpful and valuable. We were especially glad to meet so many new Sigs who have come to the West to make it their home. We certainly hope that whenever any of our eastern brothers have occasion to pass through Colorado, or to remain here for a time, they will not hesitate to inform us of their whereabouts, and give us an opportunity to meet them. We shall be very glad to invite them to our homes.

Σ A E at the University of Colorado continues to maintain herself well. We regret to announce that our number has been diminished by the loss of three excellent men, Frederick H. Merten, John E. Rogers and Edison C. Robinson. Merten left at the close of the first semester to accept a high school principalship; Robinson has taken a position on the Colorado and Southern railroad, and Rogers has gone into electrical work. Our number is now nineteen.

We have just taken up the work of the second semester in all departments of the university, after having passed through a very trying and severe examination week. The financial uncertainty which has been hovering over the university for the past six months is almost entirely cleared away—thanks to the untiring efforts of President Baker.

The new catalogue will show an enrollment far in excess of any previous year in the history of the institution. The University continues to grow with each succeeding year; a fact which assures us that Colorado Chi chapter of Σ A E has been wisely and judiciously founded where it is bound to have a safe and prosperous future.

At the recent local oratorical contest we were successful in winning both first and second places, and as a consequence, two of our men will represent the University of Colorado in the State oratorical contest.

Our plan of holding a Saturday evening social meeting once each month, in place of the regular weekly chapter meeting, has proved to be one of the very satisfactory elements in the making of an enjoyable chapter-house life. Our chapter-house is in very good condition. A fine course of golf links has been put in near the house, and many of our men have taken up the game with interest.

Fraternally,

OMAR E. GARWOOD.

**Colorado Zeta, University of Denver, University Park.**

The Province convention, which was held in Denver, January 8, was unusually helpful to us all, and Colorado Zeta received its share

of the benefits that came from a "Sig" convention that was exceptionally strong in fraternity spirit. We are going to work hard for "Denver in 1902," with the hope that Σ A E will come here at the time for its national convention. The formation of an alumni association in Denver will be a mutual aid to all State chapters.

In this letter it affords me great pleasure to introduce as two new initiates A. E. Spencer and R. S. Uzzell. Two more promising men could hardly be found. Brother Spencer is in the Iliff Theological School, and is prominent on the glee club and paper. Brother Uzzell proved himself in our local oratorical contest. We expect soon to present other new men, and will thus have a large chapter roll.

The news of the death of Brother George B. Houseman in Arizona, where he had gone for his health, was very sad to all. Brother Houseman was made a "Sig" in Colorado Zeta and was one of our strongest men.

We have enjoyed many pleasant, quiet social events during the year. An event of recent interest was a debate between the college and the Iliff Theological School. There were three men on a side, and two from each school were Σ A E men. Brothers Spencer and McCreery came from the Iliff school and Brother Hiller and the writer from the college. The affair was easily the most exciting college event for years. The Iliff men won. One member of our chapter is on the State oratorical contest, which will have occurred ere this letter appears.

The university is indeed progressing. The new chancellor, Dr. Henry A. Buchtel, is proving himself to be preeminently the man for the position. By his earnest, energetic efforts the financial affairs are being rapidly improved, and his scholarship and sympathetic personality have won the hearts of the entire student body. Under Chancellor Buchtel the university has made great strides, and the future is more than assured.

We are enjoying a most successful year in every line of college work, and in our fraternal relations.

We send best wishes to all the chapters.

Faternally,

WAYNE C. WILLIAMS

### California Alpha, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

California Alpha commenced the new year with all of her old men back. Since our last letter to THE RECORD we have initiated two men—H. E. Campbell, from Chicago, and H. H. Wilkins from San Rafael, California, both of the class of 1903. These bring our active membership up to twenty-one, twenty of whom live in our chapter-house.

In athletics we will be represented this semester by Brothers

Lanagan, '00, pitcher on the varsity baseball team, and Stewart, '01, on the track teams.

We were very much pleased to meet Brother Henry Carville Carmer, '77, of Kentucky Chi, who is at present in Palo Alto.

Fraternally,

CYRUS L. MERRIAM.

#### California Beta, University of California, Berkeley.

It is with greetings and fraternal good fellowship that California Beta comes to introduce her two new initiates, Arthur C. Nohl, '01, and J. C. Nurse, '03, both California boys, and both men won from our strongest fraternity rivals. Our chapter now numbers nineteen active members.

During the past year, two factors have appeared among us that should materially change the standing of fraternities here. They are President Benjamin Ide Wheeler and Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. The broad-minded and energetic guidance of the former and the liberal and sympathetic hospitality of the latter are fast doing away with the old frictional lines between "Barbs" and Greeks, and between students and faculty, and fast remodeling them into a more homogeneous body. It is now our earnest endeavor to shape a policy that will make our chapter one of power and influence in all that is pertinent to the welfare of our new university.

We are sorry to announce serious accidents to two of our members during the past term. Brother Ely was compelled to leave college owing to a severe fracture of the skull, and more recently Brother Phelps sustained a severe injury to his eye while playing golf. We are in hopes to see both men with us again next term.

Our alumni are keeping in close touch with us in a pleasant way, and we feel that the cause of Σ A E is steadily advancing on the Pacific coast.

With hearty wishes for the continuous prosperity of all chapters in Σ A E,

Fraternally yours,

J. C. SPERRY.

#### PROVINCE THETA.

##### Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Since our last letter to THE RECORD, the Louisiana State University has been moving steadily forward imbued with that energy which always characterizes a modern, up-to-date college. An agricultural laboratory is the latest ornament to our beautiful campus and fills a long-felt want. Through the princely beneficence of Mr. William Garig, a gentleman of Baton Rouge, a stately auditorium is in process of construction, to be completed in time for our 1900 commencement.

That which we college men call spirit has at last descended on Louisiana State University like an avalanche, and the rivalry, though generous, is tremendous among classes and organizations. Our chapter occupies a recognized position among the college organizations, our latest honors being the elections of B. P. Harrison as vice-president of the Jefferson-Lee Literary Society and S. A. Miller manager of the *Reveille*, our college weekly.

We are this year to have that most necessary adjunct to college life, an annual. For years our university has vainly tried to get up such a publication, but all our efforts seem to have been in vain. Epsilon will have this year three men who will endeavor to do their share on the *Gumbo*, as our book is to be called: H. F. Aby, representing Epsilon; L. R. Graham, class of 1902; and S. A. Miller, class of 1901. Brother G. B. Lesueur, '01, has been chosen to manage our baseball team for the coming season, and he is also the president of the athletic association.

We are deeply indebted to our loyal and most lovable little sister, Miss Florence Lanier, for the royal treat she recently tendered us. The chapter greatly enjoyed reading the letters of Ohio Epsilon and Louisiana Tau-Upsilon. We desire to thank our sister chapter at Tulane for so kindly thinking of us, and we are sure they had a most enjoyable time.

Brother H. F. Cantzon, '01, who has been taking practical work at Audubon Park, in New Orleans, has again returned to us after a short absence. Brother G. M. Graham, '01, has left us to join his old roommate, Brother S. Y. Alexander, '00, at Kentucky Medical College, in Louisville.

Fraternally,

STANLEY A. MILLER.

#### **Texas Rho, University of Texas, Austin.**

Since our last letter we have initiated Mr. Douglas West Summerfield of Oak Cliff, and Mr. Glover Calloway Johnson of Corsicana, and take great pleasure in presenting them to the fraternity. Both are among the most promising members of the class of 1903.

Brother Jesse F. McClendon, a recent initiate, has been very highly honored by the fraternity, in that he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of a fellow, this being only his second year in college.

The next convention of Province Theta meets in Austin, and we take this opportunity of saying that any brother who might be able will find it greatly to his interest to attend. We expect to entertain with one of the swellest functions of the year.

During the visit of Tulane's football team we had the pleasure of meeting Brothers Frederick Jahneke, Bob Shipp and Ed. McGehee. We were also greatly delighted at the crushing defeat

our Texas eleven gave the boys from the Pelican State. There were seven Sigs on the Louisiana State University team which was defeated here by Texas on Thanksgiving. They were ideal Sigs and played fine ball, Captain Aby's work being especially good.

Brother Puett, captain of the track team, has put his men into training, and reports having better material than has ever before been obtained in the university.

Brother P. J. Shaver is private secretary to the speaker of the House of Representatives, which is now in session here. Brother H. M. McCelvey of Temple, left the varsity at the opening of the session to enter into the mercantile business. He is a partner of his brother, who is also a  $\Sigma A E$ .

Among our sisters we wish to mention especially the Misses Robinson, whose loyalty and devotion to our chapter have won for them the love and gratitude of every Sig of Texas Rho. We hope that every chapter of  $\Sigma A E$  is as fortunate as Texas Rho.

Fraternally,

J. P. SMITH.



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## **JOHN BARBEE GALLEHER, TENNESSEE OMEGA ('85), FIRST LIEUTENANT AND ADJUTANT 40TH U. S. V. I.**

The Lent term of the University has had a gloom cast over it by the sad news which reached Sewanee, only a few days before the formal opening in March, that Lieutenant John B. Galleher had been killed while leading a detachment of his troops, near Neuva Caceres, in the province of South Camarines, in Luzon. Although Sewanee was second to none in furnishing her full quota in officers and men in the late war in Cuba and Puerto Rico, as well as in the present war in the Philippines, yet the war had never been brought home to her until she was called upon to mourn the loss of this gallant young officer. Not only was Lieutenant Galleher an honored alumnus and distinguished graduate of the University, but for many years his home was here, where his mother, sister and aunt still reside; and in so many ways was he identified with the life of the place that his death has been a peculiarly sad one for Sewanee and for the members of Omega Chapter, many of whom knew and loved him. It seems, then, altogether fitting that we should attempt to give here some brief summary of his life, as well as some estimate of his character as a man and a soldier.

John Barbee Galleher was born September 20th, 1869, at Frankfort, Ky. His early life was spent in the city of New Orleans, where his father was rector of Trinity Church and afterwards Bishop of Louisiana. He first

entered the University at Sewanee as an academic student in 1885, leaving in 1887 to take up civil engineering as a profession. In this capacity he spent two years in South America. His experience there and the knowledge that he acquired of the Spanish language afterwards proved of very substantial value to him and to his commanding officers when he went as regimental adjutant of the 1st Kentucky Legion to Puerto Rico. Upon his return from South America to this country in 1892, he accepted a position as city reporter for the *Times-Democrat* of New Orleans, which position he held for three years. He returned to Sewanee in 1895 and entered the Law Department, from which he graduated with distinction in 1896. In many ways this was a memorable year for Sewanee and for Lieutenant Galleher. In that year he had the quite unusual honor bestowed upon him of representing the University in the double capacity of debater in the Sewanee-Vanderbilt debate and also in the Southern Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest, held at Center College, Kentucky, where he won the oratorical medal against representatives from such leading institutions as the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, Vanderbilt and others. After his graduation he left Sewanee and went to Louisville, Ky., to practice law, which profession he followed with marked ability and success until the outbreak of hostilities between this country and Spain. To his friends, who knew his fondness for the army, it was evident from the first that he was born to be a soldier, and only waited an opportunity to follow his natural inclination. This is not surprising when we remember that his father, the distinguished Bishop of Louisiana, was first a Confederate soldier and officer before he became a priest and bishop of the church in which he had oversight. The likeness between father and son was striking, and many of the personal traits as

**KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE.**

When a charter of any fraternity is granted to a college, it is but natural that the first questions to assert themselves are : What kind of a school is it? What are its attainments? For the standing of the chapter is determined in no small degree by the condition of the col-



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lege at which it is located. The history of the establishment and subsequent development of this college is most interesting.

Thirty-four years have elapsed since the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky was established. These colleges owe their existence to the act of Congress of 1862 donating lands to the States for this purpose, in proportion to their representation. The allotment to

Lieutenant Galleher died as he had lived. There was nothing more characteristic of him than the words he addressed to his colonel, who stood by his side after he was wounded in the rice-field of Libmanan and asked what he could do for him. "Colonel," he said, "you should not stand here ; you will be shot. Never mind me."

He was always the same thoughtful, considerate, courteous gentleman. And it was this unselfishness which was his chief charm and which made him so deservedly popular and beloved by his fellow-officers and by the men in the ranks. His sunny temperament, his ready wit, and his versatile mind made him the soul and life of any company in which he happened to be present. And yet, with all his fondness for social pleasures, he never forgot that he was a soldier and had his official duties to perform, and was regarded by his superior officers as one of the most capable and efficient men in the regiment. In his death the army in the Philippines has suffered a distinct loss, and his University and his brothers of Omega Chapter mourn his death as one who gave great promise of success in his chosen profession, and who, if he had lived, would have reflected still greater honor on the institution and chapter to which he belonged. His death was almost an ideal one for a young soldier. He died in the performance of duty, in a war with which he thoroughly sympathized, beneath the flag which he loved with all the devotion and ardor of his patriotic young soul. His body rests where loving hands and a grateful city and State have placed it, in the beautiful Cave Hill Cemetery in the city of Louisville, by the side of his distinguished father.

To us and to every American he leaves the heritage that courage and unselfishness always gives—the noble example of one who tried to do his duty.

WM. A. GUERRY,  
Chaplain of the University of the South.

**KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE.**

When a charter of any fraternity is granted to a college, it is but natural that the first questions to assert themselves are : What kind of a school is it? What are its attainments? For the standing of the chapter is determined in no small degree by the condition of the col-



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MECHANICAL HALL.

Kentucky was 330,000 acres. The State attached the college created under the act to one of the denominational colleges of the commonwealth. The land-scrip was sold for fifty cents per acre, the proceeds invested in Kentucky six per cent. bonds, of which the State treasurer became custodian, and the income from this invested fund was directed to be paid over annually to the trustees of Kentucky University, the institution to which it was attached, so long as the connection existed. The legislature reserved the right to dissolve the relation at any time. The State advanced \$20,000 to set the institution going. In 1866, thirty-four years ago, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky opened. Its matriculates increased from year to year till 1869-70. From that year, from some cause or other, its attendance began to decline.

In 1878 the legislature of that year sent a committee to Lexington to investigate the condition of the college, its relations and its work. They found the work of the college very unsatisfactory, and unanimously reported to the legislature, advising the dissolution of the relations at the end of the collegiate year then current.



NEW DORMITORY.

When the dissolution was effected the college had its endowment funds, but it had nothing else, buildings, laboratories, library, museums or physical apparatus. The question then came up: What shall the State do with it? The legislature appointed a commission of eleven men to do three things: to make arrangements for its provisional existence till the meeting of the next legislature; to advertise for and receive bids from those towns which desired to have the college established in



their midst, and to prepare and present to the next General Assembly the outlines of an institution such as the dignity, the traditions, and the educational wants of the commonwealth required.

Lexington offered the legislature of 1879-80 the city park, the present site, and \$30,000 in city bonds, to be used for the erection of buildings, which offer was supplemented by \$20,000 in county bonds. The commission accepted the offer of Lexington, and the legislature accepted and ratified the recommendation.

The legislature then proceeded to reorganize the college upon a basis entirely undenominational. It gives it a broad and liberal foundation. It made provision for a board of twelve trustees, who are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.

A committee sent to Lexington by the legislature



GENERAL VIEW.



NATURAL SCIENCE HALL.

recommended the further endowment of the college by means of a tax of one-half cent on each one hundred dollars' worth of taxable property in the commonwealth. This recommendation was embodied in a bill, which passed the legislature and received the signature of the governor. Under these provisions, with this prospective income, the college was reorganized.

From this time the growth of the college has been remarkable ; though attended with many struggles, it has at last succeeded in placing itself on a firm footing, and has fallen into line with other colleges.

In 1882 there were only three buildings : the college building, the first dormitory, and the president's house. To-day there are ten large and fully equipped buildings and three greenhouses.

The campus of the college consists of fifty-two acres of land located within the corporate limits of Lexington. The South Limestone street electric car line extends along the western border, giving opportunity to reach, in a few minutes, any part of the city.

The campus is laid out in walks, drives and lawns,



COLLEGE CAMPUS FROM THE LAKE.

and is planted with choice varieties of native and exotic trees and shrubs, to which additions are constantly being made. A portion of the land has recently been reserved for a botanical garden, in which will be grown the most desirable native plants, with a view to testing their adaptability to cultivation and to give increased facilities to students taking agricultural and biological courses. Two and a half acres, forming the northeastern portion of the campus, inclosed and provided with a grand stand, is devoted to the field sports of the students.

About three-quarters of a mile south of the campus, on the Nicholasville pike, an extension of South Limestone street, is the Experimental Station Farm, consisting of forty-eight and a half acres, to which sixty-four and a half acres have been added by recent purchase. Here the field experiments of the station are conducted, and students have opportunities to witness tests of varieties of field crops, dairy tests, fruit spraying—in short, all scientific experimentation of a thoroughly equipped and organized station.

The buildings of the Agricultural and Mechanical College are ample, are fitted with the most approved appliances, and are not inferior to any college of our rank.

The main building is a structure of stone and brick one hundred and forty feet long and sixty-eight feet in width. It contains the offices of the president and the





OLD DORMITORY.

business agent. On the second floor is the chapel, in which each day the students and faculty meet, and in which are held all public gatherings and such other meetings as bring together the entire student-body. The remaining part of this, with the fourth floor, is occupied by the recitation-rooms of the departments of English, Anglo-Saxon, Greek and Latin, and by the rooms of the various literary societies of the students.

The station is a handsome building, well planned for the object for which it was made. It is seventy feet long and fifty-four feet in width, with a tower projection in front and an octagonal projection eighteen by eighteen on the north side. The building is two stories high and a basement, eleven feet from floor to ceiling. The main entrance is on the first floor, on the west side of

the building, through an archway fifteen feet wide. The basement is occupied in part by the station and in part by the college. The next floor above is devoted to the office and laboratories of the station, while the upper floor, divided into lecture-rooms, laboratories and storerooms, accommodates the college work in chemistry.

The building devoted to Engineering, Mechanical Hall, covers altogether 20,000 feet. It is constructed of stone and pressed brick, and is well furnished with modern conveniences for the work in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering.

The old dormitory is a four-story structure, furnishing rooms for over one hundred students. It is heated by steam, has gas fixtures throughout, and has water furnished on the first floor. In the basement is situated the cook-room and store-rooms. A portion of the first floor, just above, contains the mess-hall where the students take their meals.

Science Hall, built during the year 1897 for the department of natural science, is of pressed brick trimmed with Bowling Green limestone. The wide halls, the numerous and spacious lecture-rooms, laboratories, and **offices in its three stories are conveniently arranged, well lighted, and the rooms well furnished.** The Kentucky Museum is situated in the third story of this building, having been moved there by an act of the legislature of 1898.

The new dormitory, a three-story brick building, furnishes rooms for about fifty students. This building is heated by means of grates.

On the experiment farm are a brick dwelling, occupied by the director of the station, and the usual farm buildings for the care of tools, the protection of stock, and the like.

The legislature of 1900 made an appropriation of \$60,-

ooo for the college, \$30,000 of which is to be spent for a gymnasium, and the remaining \$30,000 for a young ladies' dormitory.

Kentucky State College, like her sister State Colleges, gives her male students a thorough military training. During the month of May the battalion is taken to some place in the State for a ten days' camp.

One fact connected with this college is peculiar to itself: Its President, James K. Patterson, Ph.D., LL.D., has served in his present capacity longer than any other president of any college established under the land grant system, and, with the possible exception of Harvard University, longer than any other president of any college or university in America. To him is chiefly due the credit of making the State College what it is now, for he has fought its battles, sometimes almost alone, and has shaped its policy from the beginning.

Kentucky, with its warm and generous hospitality, its disposition to strong friendships and bitter hates, is especially suited to the fostering of college fraternities. The very motto of the State is symbolic of brotherhood.

There are but three fraternities represented by chapters at Kentucky State College. Judging from the number of students and the small number of fraternity men, the college furnishes a field by no means crowded for fraternity work.

The fraternities, their dates of establishment, and the membership of the chapters for the present term, are as follows:

	Established.	Number of Active Men.
Kappa Alpha .....	1893	16
Sigma Chi .....	1893	13
Sigma Alpha Epsilon .....	1900	10

Besides the above there are several "locals" in existence at this college. The Delta Kappa Epsilon, Kappa

Sigma Nu, and Phi Gamma Delta fraternities are also represented, but have no chapters.

Until the year 1893 no fraternity was represented at this college. This accounts for there being no chapter-houses and the small number of alumni that are fraternity men. All the "frats" have halls in the city.

Never was the outlook from the time of the installation of a chapter more flattering than that of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at State College, if there exists any relation between college and fraternity; for the year just closing has been the most prosperous in the history of the college. In this auspicious present we see the promise of a yet more auspicious future.

ALBERT S. DABNEY.

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#### CONVENTION OF PROVINCE DELTA.

Old Sol, with his golden gleams beautifying a sky of purple, gave welcome to the Sig Alphs that arrived on every train at Columbus, O., March 8. It was the occasion of Province Delta's Convention, and the very heavens seemed determined not to be outdone by the genial boys of Ohio Theta in warmth of greeting. George C. Dickinson, at the head of a group from the local chapter, was at the depot extending the welcome hand and directing the delegates to the convention headquarters at Hotel Chittenden. Among the first to arrive was Province President, Walter A. Snow, who is an alumnus of Ohio Theta. Open arms and hearts were his portion, and the future Henry Ward Beecher forgot all his ecclesiastical dreams and was again a college boy of the good, old wholesome *Σ Α Ε* sort. Delegates from the Illinois, Michigan and Indiana chapters were on the scene equally as early as the Ohio fraters, and when the con-



vention was called to order Thursday evening, at the chapter-house of Ohio Theta, its parlors were filled.

It is not the purpose of this article to give a detailed account of the convention; that is left for the *Phi Alpha*. Eight of the ten chapters of Province Delta were represented in the convention. The missing ones were Michigan Iota-Beta and Indiana Beta. The chapters represented and their delegates were as follows:

Ohio Theta—Harry P. Weld, C. W. Denny, George C. Dickinson, H. G. Wagstaff.

Ohio Epsilon—Clyde K. Cairns, Daniel L. Pierson, Dwight K. Bailey, Harry N. Reinhart, Frank L. Roberts.

Ohio Delta—Philo B. Rhodes, Charles L. Straw, Ernest W. Hill.

Ohio Sigma—Charles L. Merwin, Harry E. Griffith.

Michigan Alpha—Marshal L. Baker.

Indiana Alpha—George T. Ragsdale.

Illinois Psi-Omega—Avery R. Colburn, William C. Levere.

Illinois Beta—Carl E. Sheldon.

In the absence of Province Secretary Albert R. Jones, the convention selected Clyde K. Cairns of Ohio Epsilon as secretary.

The preliminary committees of the convention were appointed and the gathering adjourned to enjoy the "smoker" tendered by the local chapter to the visiting delegations. It was a time of genuine sociability and fellow feeling. Many of the delegates enjoyed for the first time "Northwestern's sacred game," but they entered into it with the zest of veterans, and the fun was fast and furious.

Founders' Day found the men anxious for the work of the convention. The sessions were held at the Chittenden. The keynote of the business meetings was

*advance.* In fact, the spirit of the entire conference was unmistakably the spirit of expansion. Every reference to extension was enthusiastically received, and the temper of the delegates seemed to unite in a sort of composite passion which cherished the faith that the banner of Sigma Alpha Epsilon should be unfurled in every educational institution of eminent standing throughout the country.

In selecting its officers for the next two years, the delegates were especially judicious and wise. Clyde K. Cairns of Ohio Epsilon was elected to the position of Province President. The selection of Mr. Cairns was unanimous, and was as much due to his enthusiastic and unselfish devotion to his fraternity as to his personal popularity, which is of no small degree throughout the four States of Province Delta. Maguire of Ohio Delta was elected vice-president, and the inimitable George T. Ragsdale of Indiana Alpha was promoted to the joint honor of secretary and treasurer.

One of the most enjoyable features of the gathering was the tally-ho ride subsequent to the afternoon session.

The fine campus of the Ohio State University with its many stately buildings was greatly enjoyed. The noble pile in which the university cadets drill was visited, and the precision and skill with which the soldier-students went through difficult military evolutions was witnessed with delight and pleasure.

Night came and with it the stars. They shone in brilliant luster around the banquet table at the Chittenden. Senator C. D. Wightman of the Ohio Senate, and an alumnus of Michigan Alpha, was the guest of honor. His interesting story of the early days of Northern extension in the fraternity was followed with the closest interest.

The toasts were as follows :

Toast-master.....	W. A. Snow
Province Delta.....	Toast-master
The Road to Greece .....	William C. Levere
Our Colors and Flower.....	Marshall L. Baker
Our Pioneer.....	C. L. Merwin
Our Yearling .....	C. E. Sheldon
Entrance of Σ A E in the North.....	C. D. Wightman
Σ A E in College Politics.....	O. K. Cairns
Source of all our Bliss.....	W. K. McCall
Gentleman from Indiana.....	Frank Mueller
Expansion.....	G. T. Ragsdale
The Fraternity Ideal.....	Avery R. Colburn

Those present at the banquet, in addition to the delegates mentioned above, were: Ohio Theta—Carroll A. White, Charles R. Wilson, John D. Martin, William K. Martin, W. Harry Taylor, Meeker Terwilliger, Harvey H. Cosley, Spencer N. Cook, Lawrence Thomas, John D. Andrews, Fred A. Miller, C. H. Sanderson, J. W. Clarke, Carl E. Steeb, J. Merton Hipple, Fred Kester, George Marshall, W. H. Snodgrass, F. R. Hoover; Ohio Sigma—Abram W. Agler; Michigan Alpha—C. D. Wightman; Nebraska Lambda-Pi—Stafford Hewitt. It was 2 o'clock in the morning when the guests arose from the merry board. They woke the sleepy hours with a last ringing cheer for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Province Delta convention of 1900 was over. Its cheerful memories and potent influence will be felt by the boys of the purple and gold for years to come.

WILLIAM C. LEVERE.

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#### CONVENTION AND FOUNDERS' DAY EXERCISES OF PROVINCE ALPHA.

The third biennial Convention of Province Alpha of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was held on Saturday, March 17, 1900, at the rooms of Massachusetts Gamma at 8 Boylston street, Cambridge.



Arthur T. Taylor

Brabham, A.  
Brabham, Y.

Daniel  
Cuthbert.

Leonard.  
Gibson.

Edens.  
Watkins.

Grove.  
Pitts.

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMMA, WOFFORD COLLEGE.

The Convention was called to order by President Stetson at 10:45 A.M. In the absence of Brother Marden, Secretary-Treasurer of the Province, Brother Knox of Iota-Tau was appointed to act as Secretary during the Convention. After the Secretary's report for his two years of office had been read, the President announced the committees which were to report to the Convention; and, after a brief recess for the committees to confer, their respective reports were read. Under the report of the Credentials Committee it appeared that all the Past Province Presidents but one were present, and that each chapter was represented by four delegates, except Trinity, which was represented by Brother A. H. W. Anderson.

The noticeable thing about all the reports on the state of the chapters was the evident prosperity of each chapter and the great advances made by each during the two years since the last Province Convention. The President's report especially emphasized the splendid condition of the province. One of the most important reports made to the Convention was that of the Committee on the 1900 National Convention to be held in Boston, for even thus far ahead have preparations been made for receiving the delegates. The report was received with great enthusiasm, and all signs seem to point to a convention which will show our visiting brothers that even Southern hospitality can be equalled in New England.

Several changes in the Province by-laws were made by amendments and insertions, which, to a great extent, do away with difficulties in internal administration of the Province which had shown themselves under the old by-laws, and under the new régime the affairs of the Province bid fair to proceed without a hitch.

After the business of the Convention had been trans-

acted, the following Province officers were appointed to act for the succeeding years :

President—J. A. Stetson, Iota-Tau.

Vice-President—R. A. Bidwell, Gamma.

Secretary-Treasurer—K. H. Knox, Iota-Tau.

Editor of the Annual—C. G. Sherman, Delta.

In the afternoon and evening of the same day the usual celebration of Founders' Day by the Province Alpha Chapters took place at the Woodland Park Hotel, Auburndale. Like all other Auburndale initiations, it was a great success in every way. Indeed, we of Province Alpha ought to deem ourselves especially fortunate to be able to meet in this manner twice a year. Men in other chapters very rarely have a chance to sit down to a banquet where four chapters are represented by from ten to forty men each, and hear the cheers of different colleges rend the air. Men initiated into other chapters very rarely go through the time-honored institutions of Auburndale: the ride out on the train, the entertainment of the passengers, the march from the station, the semi-annual serenade by the fair Lasellians—all these things they miss. A man initiated at Auburndale feels that

he has joined a fraternity which is a power when he for the first time gives the grip to a great number of men, hears their hearty congratulations and statements of esteem, and hears his name cheered by over a hundred men at a banquet. The last Auburndale was a record-breaker. One hundred and four men sat down to the banquet about 8 o'clock, and it was past midnight when the time came to leave. The following is the toast-list :

Toast-master .....	William Wyman Crosby
Beta-Upsilon .....	William Irvin Hahn
1900 Convention .....	King Harding Knox
Gamma .....	Raymond A. Bidwell
Alumni Interest .....	John Avery Denison
Law .....	Charles Conway Long

Tech Alumni .....	William Thomas Hall
Supreme Council .....	Howard Pervear Nash
Delta .....	Charles G. Sherman

It was an impressive sight to see the grip-circle formed about the great banquet-hall at the close of the banquet, and hear, perhaps for the last time for some of us, the good-night song of our beloved fraternity. All in all, the 17th of March, 1900, will be a day long remembered in the annals of Province Alpha.

FREDERICK H. COOKE,  
Massachusetts Iota-Tau.

#### PROVINCE BETA CONVENTION.

The third biennial Convention of Province Beta, held the first three days in May, at Carlisle, Pa., was a grand success in every way. Too much cannot be said in commendation of the local chapter at Dickinson and of W. L. Haldy, chairman of the committee on arrangements, whose able management and careful attention to smallest details made the occasion one long to be remembered by every Sig Alph who was fortunate enough to be present. The good times crowded upon each other so closely that we had hardly time to realize how much we were enjoying them; but now that we are home, and have begun burning the midnight oil to make up lost work, we realize that we have had one of the greatest times in our lives, and our hearts warm with gratitude toward those Sig Alphas at Dickinson who spared neither money nor trouble to entertain us royally.

Most of the delegates arrived Monday morning, April 30. The afternoon was spent in visiting places of historic interest around quaint old Carlisle and in going through the Carlisle Indian School. After supper we



NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.



had just time to meet the Carlisle maidens, whose company we were to enjoy at the ball, before repairing to the Sig Alph hall to participate in a smoker. As we entered we registered and were presented with souvenir pipes and dainty rosettes of purple and gold, with a violet pin in the center—badges made for the delegates by the little Sig Alph sisters at Dickinson. Among the visitors was Brother Haughton of Nebraska Lambda-Pi, whose stories, jokes and songs contributed not a little to the evening's enjoyment. Having smoked ourselves sick, sung and yelled ourselves hoarse, and fully convinced ourselves that there is nothing like a Sig Alph smoker, we sought our beds a little before dawn.

The first business session was called to order by President Harry I. Huber at 10 A. M., Tuesday, May 1. H. L. Wright was appointed to act as secretary to the convention in the absence of O. N. Rambo. Brother Brock, on behalf of the local chapter, welcomed the delegates to the work as well as the play of the convention in an eloquent and courteous address. Brother Durrell, New York Sigma-Phi, responded with a few well-chosen remarks. The preliminary committees on credentials and permanent organization having reported, the convention listened to the report of the president. This report showed the Province to be in excellent condition; dwelt on the improvements that have been made in the last two years, remarking that the re-establishment of chapters at Cornell and Gettysburg had removed the only gravestones that had been eyesores in our territory; pointed out how present weaknesses could be remedied, and gave the results of a personal visitation and inspection of each chapter. The report was adopted and President Huber highly commended for his energetic work in the execution of his office. After the appointment of permanent committees, the session adjourned for dinner.

The second session was called to order at 2:15 P. M. This session was spent in hearing representatives from different local societies, and in considering the advisability of endorsing their petitions for charters. A full account of these proceedings will appear in *Phi Alpha*.

Tuesday evening came the great social event of the week—the convention dance. The armory, where the dance was held, was prettily decorated in purple and gold. The music was furnished by the popular Germania Orchestra, and the programs by Dreka. For the german, which was included in the program, there were dainty sterling silver favors. The patronesses were wives of members of the faculty, and, most important of all, the girls were—queens! Everything went off smoothly and the Goddess Terpsichore held sway until almost dawn. Then after taking the girls home we repaired to the Sig Alph hall for more refreshments and more excitement until breakfast, when we were all sleepy and tired, but happy from the consciousness of having had the best of good times.

The business sessions Wednesday were devoted to hearing reports from the different chapters; and from the committees on the condition of the Province; on Extension; and on Resolutions. The time and place of the next convention was left to the committee for future decision. Chapter and Alumni Letters, Summer Rushing, Improvement in Ritual and By-Laws were discussed, and every phase of fraternity life in the Province carefully considered. The following ticket was then presented by the Committee on Nominations and carried unanimously.

President—Watson B. Selvage, N. Y.  $\Sigma \Phi$  '98.

Vice-President—Harry I. Huber, Pa.  $\Sigma \Phi$  '98.

Secretary and Treasurer—Wayne L. Shearer, Pa.  $\Lambda Z$  '00.

Editor *Province Annual*—E. Lothard McClure, N. Y. A '02.

The session adjourned *sine die* at 4 P.M.

At 10 P.M. we took our seats around the banquet table where covers were laid for forty-seven guests. William Albro De Groot, N. Y. Σ Φ '97, acted as host and toast-master, and his wit greatly enlivened the evening. The menu was exceptionally good. Between the courses Brothers Metzel, Sauser and others held forth at the piano, and we all joined in the Sig Alph songs with fervor. When the cravings of our inner man had been satisfied the tables were cleared and our intellectual hunger was allayed by the following toasts:

Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	Edward A. Moyer, Pa. Z '00.
Boys of Old.....	Chester N. Ames, Pa. Σ Φ '93.
Noble Leslie DeVotie.....	B. Lindsay Moore, Pa. A Z '01.
The Girls.....	H. C. Hoffman, Pa. Δ '01.
The Ideal Sig Alph.....	Frank D. Voorhees, N. Y. A '01.
Province Beta.....	Harry I. Huber, Pa. Σ Φ '98.
Impromptus.	

The banquet broke up after forming the usual circle and singing "Good-night, Brothers."

Unfortunately many of the delegates had to leave the next morning on account of incorrigible faculty rules, but about twenty of us spent one of the most enjoyable and instructive days of the convention at Gettysburg. After visiting the very pretty rooms of the Gettysburg, chapter we took carriages and, under the guidance of Captain Long, who has charge of all the personally conducted tours of the Pennsylvania Railroad, went over the ground of the first day's battle. After dinner at the Hotel Gettysburg, we visited the rest of the field, covering in all about thirty miles during the day.

And now I have to record the only unpleasant part of the convention—its breaking up. We had all enjoyed ourselves immensely; we had all formed close friend-

ships, which we expect will last. We all feel grateful to, and appreciate the work of the men at Dickinson, who made us enjoy our every moment with them, and we were all loath to part. The sentiment of all the delegates was aptly expressed by Brother Moyer, when he said, "This is my first Sig Alph Convention, but if I live it won't be my last. I've had the best time of my life."

E. LOTHARD MCCLURE.

#### CHATTANOOGA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

During the month of December last the *Σ A E's* of Chattanooga seemed to take on new life. Chattanooga for several years has had credit of an alumni association, but in reality none ever existed, for we never had a charter. On the night of December the 11th about fifteen members of *Σ A E* met in the offices of Andrews & Smith and formed an association.

It was decided to give a dance and reception the night after Christmas. On the night of the 26th we gave our initiatory reception. It was a grand success, and was a good send-off for our association. We chartered the Knights of Pythias Hall, which is the prettiest of its kind in the city, and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. During the intermission delicious refreshments were served. Souvenirs with the names of the officers of the association and the members were given out. These souvenirs were tied with the colors, and it was indeed a sight to make every *Σ A E* feel proud to see so many pretty girls wearing the royal purple and old gold.

At our last meeting an excellent set of by-laws was adopted and the money was paid for the charter, which is now on its way to Chattanooga. We have meetings every three months, which, so far, have been well attended, and are sources of great enjoyment. Chatta-

nooga always has been an  $\Sigma A E$  town, but within the last three months our fraternity has become more prominent than ever. There are as many  $\Sigma A E$ 's in Chattanooga as all the other fraternities put together. The alumni association will always be glad to meet any brothers passing through the city, and will take great pleasure in showing any visitor around the town.

The *Times* building is a hotbed of  $\Sigma A E$ 's in itself. On the first floor we have Dr. Wise, one of Chattanooga's most prominent physicians, and also Brother Burley Whiteside, on the same floor, with Bradstreet's Mercantile agency. Going up to the second floor we find Brother Oscar Peoples, of the firm of Dickey & Peoples; the secretary of the association is also on the same floor in the Chattanooga Southern Railroad office. On the third floor, the president of the alumni association, Brother Anderson, has an office. With all these  $\Sigma A E$ 's so close together there is no excuse for a stranger to pass through our city without meeting some  $\Sigma A E$  who will always be glad to see him.

The officers recently elected are, Brother Milton J. Anderson of Vanderbilt, president; Samuel Gerstle of University of Tennessee, vice-president, and Oliver B. Andrews of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, secretary and treasurer. Our association now numbers thirty-three members, which is a pretty good number to start on.

We contemplate having our own rooms shortly, which will add greatly to the social life of the members. Trusting this will find all of our active chapters doing well, with best wishes for  $\Sigma A E$ , I am,

Yours in  $\Sigma A E$ ,

OLIVER B. ANDREWS,

Secretary and Treasurer.

**ARTHUR J. TUTTLE.**

Arthur James Tuttle was born in Leslie, Mich., on November 8, 1868. He prepared for college at the Leslie High School, and entered the literary department



the official publication of the Greek letter fraternities of the University of Michigan.

In the fall of 1892 Mr. Tuttle entered the law department of the University of Michigan, where he remained for one year. During the following year he read law with a well-known law firm in Lansing, and returning to the University received the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1895. Immediately on his graduation he began the practice of law at Leslie, of which place he was made attorney, and in 1897 was elected prosecuting attorney for Ingham county, which position he still holds. He is a very busy man, for he is vice-president of the People's Bank of Leslie, and has law offices in Leslie, Mason and Lansing. He is also very prominent in secret society work, being a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Elks.

In June, 1891, Mr. Tuttle was initiated into the Michigan Iota-Beta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. From the time of his initiation he took a very active interest in the fraternity, and besides holding various offices in the chapter, represented Michigan Iota-Beta as delegate to the conventions in Chattanooga, Pittsburg and Washington. At Chattanooga, in 1892, he was elected first vice-president of the convention; at Pittsburg, in 1893, he was made an associate editor of *THE RECORD*, and at Washington, in 1898, he was elected president of Province Delta.

Mr. Tuttle is now the president of the Michigan Alumni Association, and in spite of his numerous business cares still keeps in active touch with his fraternity.

**WILLIAM H. NEWMAN.**

The portrait below does not represent a military chief-tain or a hero of the late war, but is that of a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who has made a reputation as an athlete.

**WILLIAM H. NEWMAN.**

William H. Newman has been captain of the University of Tennessee baseball team for two years. He gained his first reputation in baseball with the Knoxville "Reds," in 1897, and has been so successful as a pitcher, that he has received lucrative offers from Kalamazoo, Memphis, Indianapolis and other well-known professional teams. He plays, however, only on colle-



giate teams. Newman is also strong in football, and was last year named as right guard on the all-southern football eleven.

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#### FOUNDERS' DAY AT CINCINNATI.

Ohio Epsilon and the Cincinnati Alumni Association of *Σ A E* held their annual Founders' Day banquet at the Palace Hotel, Wednesday evening, March 21st. Founders' Day is always a red-letter day for Cincinnati Sig Alphas, but this year it was especially so, for we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the founding of our chapter at the University of Cincinnati, as well as the forty-fourth of the national fraternity.

About forty Sig Alphas gathered in the chapter hall in the Palace Hotel building during the early part of the evening, and spent an hour or two in renewing old friendships and forming new ones. At nine o'clock we adjourned to the banquet hall, and there did justice to the spread prepared by "Mine Host" Maxwell, who always prepares his best for "the S. A. E. boys." Fraternity songs were sung between courses, and fun and frolic were the order of the evening.

Then came the toasts. Brother Clyde Cairns, the newly elected president of Province Delta, acted as toastmaster. He gave a rapid review of the achievements of our beloved fraternity and our local chapter, and at the conclusion of his remarks we all joined in a silent toast to those of our number who have passed to the great beyond.

The toast list was as follows :

The Road to Greece.....	Gustavus A. Ginter
"The Isles of Greece, the Isles of Greece!	
Where burning Sappho loved and sung."	
Our Alumni.....	Raymond Ratliff
"Men that have fashioned history."	

Our New Initiates .....	Daniel L. Pierson
" Just at the age 'twixt boy and youth, When thought is speech and speech is truth."	
Early Days of Ohio Epsilon.....	Dr. Gilbert L. Bailey
"Sweetest melodies are those that are By distance made more sweet."	
The Ladies.....	Nellis N. Dalton
" What a strange thing is man! and What a stranger is woman! "	
Ohio Delta.....	Rev. Sheridan W. Bell
" Then shall those names familiar in his mouth Be fresh remembered."	
Advantages of a Chapter-house .....	Morgan Van Matre
" O, that I had in the wilderness a lodging place."	
Good Night.....	Toast-master
" God bless this world! Whatever she 'ath done, Except when awful long!—I've found it good, So write before I die. I liked it all."	

The responses were exceptionally good, and our only disappointment was that Brother Bell, who was to respond to the toast "Ohio Delta," could not be with us because of illness. All too soon the hour for parting rolled around, and with the hope that we might often meet again "in bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon," we said good night.

ALBRECHT F. LEUE.

*Ohia Epsilon.*

#### THE NEW PRESIDENT OF DELTA PROVINCE.

Clyde Kemper Cairns, the newly elected president of Province Delta, was born at Walnut Hills, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 5, 1877. After his graduation from the Walnut Hills High School, he entered the University of Cincinnati with the class of 1900. On September 27, 1896, the day after college opened, with six other freshmen, he was initiated into the Ohio Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He immediately took a very active interest in the fraternity, and has held nearly all the offices in his chapter. At the present time he is the presiding officer of Ohio Epsilon as well

In 1898 Cairns was the delegate from Ohio Epsilon to the Nashville Convention, where he worked hard to obtain the charter for our new chapter at Kentucky State College. In fact, after the death of Brother Lyman B. Eaton, he carried on most of the correspondence with the members of the E. S. Society.



CLYDE KEMPER CAIRNS,  
President Province Delta.

At the recent convention of Province Delta at Columbus, Ohio, Cairns again represented his chapter, and was chosen as president to succeed Walter A. Snow, who has done such efficient work during the past two years. Brother Cairns is a hard worker, and a young man of very progressive ideas, and we may be sure that his work will be well done.

## EDITORIAL.

As this is the last issue of THE RECORD before the long vacation and the beginning of a new college year, the Editor wishes to make a few suggestions as to summer rushing and pledging. A great deal of good and a great deal of harm may come from this practice. It is the common custom among some of our active members and also of our alumni to pledge men going to colleges where we have chapters to join Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Such a pledge is not fair, either to the chapter or to the pledged man. Without disparagement to either chapter or individual, it is easy to conceive of cases where the pledged man would not like the chapter, or *vice versa*. As such a pledge is not considered binding on the chapter, why should the pledged man be bound? An alumnus of one of our Southern chapters, who has been very successful in securing good men for his own chapter and for others, has adopted what seems the only legitimate form of pledging. When he has picked his man, he talks to him of fraternity life, and, of course, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in particular. After he has interested the man in the fraternity, he explains to him that it would not be fair to pledge him to join any one fraternity until he has had a chance to look over the ground for himself, but asks him to promise that he will not pledge himself to nor join any fraternity until after he has been in college a month. Such a promise almost any

man is glad to make. The alumnus then writes to the chapter, telling what he has done and describing the man's qualifications. A man so pledged is seldom lost.

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ANOTHER essential thing to be remembered in rushing is *never* to run down other fraternities. Without doubt the other fraternities at your school have fine men among their members. If you say things about them which are not true, you will put yourself in a very bad position, to say the least, when the man you are rushing finds out the truth. If, on the other hand, your rivals are so unfortunate as to have a poor class of members, your man will easily find it out for himself, and will be much better pleased with you for keeping it quiet. So you can see, that to speak well of your rivals, besides being more gentlemanly, is the best policy.

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QUITE a number of our provinces are now publishing annuals, and as these, at present, vary considerably in size and shape, some action to make them uniform in this respect would not be amiss. The editor of the Province Alpha Annual has decided to start the good work by publishing his annual this year to conform in size with THE RECORD. This is a good idea, and the Editor would recommend this plan to the other provinces.

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ALPHA, Beta and Delta Provinces have held their conventions since the last issue of THE RECORD, and accounts of the proceedings appear in this number. Theta

Province was to have held its convention with Texas Rho, but owing to an epidemic of smallpox among the members of our chapter at Austin, it has been necessary to postpone the convention. We all sympathize with Texas Rho in her misfortune, and sincerely hope that she will escape from her affliction with as little serious trouble as possible.

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IN the last RECORD it was suggested that the names of those who intended to be at the Paris Exposition this summer should be published in this number. So few have responded that the Editor deems it inadvisable to print the names. He would, however, suggest that every one wear his pin in a conspicuous place and register *Σ Α Ε* after his name. This is not recommended with the idea of advertising the fraternity, but in the hope that it may be the means of fellow-members meeting each other at the Exposition. The Editor would also call attention to the chapter letter from Harvard, and advise all members in Paris during the summer to call on Brother Thurston.

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THE chapter-house problem is being agitated extensively at present by many of the fraternities, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon should not allow herself to fall behind the others in any such movement. There is no doubt that, as a rule, the chapters which live in chapter-houses are the strongest. Of course, at some colleges, such as at Harvard, where the dormitory system is very strongly established, the wisdom of having a chapter-house is

very doubtful ; but such conditions do not hold in most places. Twenty-two chapters in Sigma Alpha Epsilon are now in houses, and several others are working earnestly with that end in view.

It seems to the Editor that the problem is one that will solve itself. There is no need of taking drastic measures to force the chapters into houses, as is being done in at least one of our rivals. Don't push the chapters into houses against their wish, but let us help them as much as we can in their efforts.

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AGAIN the Editor has to complain about the poor work of the chapter correspondents. Nine chapters fail to have letters in this number of THE RECORD. This is altogether wrong. The Editor will leave it to the Province Presidents to see if their chapters cannot make a better showing in the September RECORD. All chapter letters for that issue should be in the hands of the Editor on or before August 15th. The correspondents who retire from office in June should take especial pains to instruct their successors as to their duties. One of our exchanges, the Sigma Chi *Quarterly*, almost never misses a letter. Is there any reason why Sigma Chi can make this fine showing and Sigma Alpha Epsilon cannot? Let the next RECORD have fifty-six letters from fifty-six chapters!

## NEWS AND NOTES.

The engagement is announced of Enrique Keutsch Muller, New York Alpha, '97, to Miss Maud Sullivan, of Ithaca, N. Y. The marriage will be celebrated in June. Don William Robinson Almy, New York Alpha, '96, will be best man.



The engagement is announced of George Slocumb Gibbs, Massachusetts Delta, '96, to Jane de Kinder Myrick, of Jamaica Plain, Mass. Henry Nevin Smith, Massachusetts Delta, '94, will be best man. Mr. Gibbs is located in Boston with the banking firm of Wolcott & Co.



Michael G. Heintz, Ohio Epsilon, '92, has been elected to the Cincinnati School Board by a large majority. He scored on his opponent by offering to wash dishes and tend babies while the women went to the polls. Heintz recently gained prominence by defending Albert Lukens in the famous Lukens murder trial.



The following clipping from the Boston Herald refers to a member of the class of '94, Ohio Delta :

**"FAREWELL SERMON PREACHED—THE REV. G. R. GROSE BIDS ADIEU TO HIS JAMAICA PLAIN CHURCH.**

"The Rev. G. R. Grose, pastor of the Jamaica Plain Methodist Church, Elm and Newbern streets, preached his farewell sermon yesterday. Every effort has been made to have him remain in Jamaica Plain, but so far in vain. He will be assigned a new charge at the coming conference.

"Mr. Grose has been pastor of the Jamaica Plain Church for



three years, and has met with very gratifying success. Through his efforts many new names have been added to the church membership list. The various societies connected with the church have also grown, and a few new junior Epworth Leagues organized. The Sunday-school has now an average attendance of 115.

"Mr. Grose's native State is Virginia. He is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, and took his degree of A.B. in 1894. Two years later the degree of M.A. was conferred on him. The same year he was graduated from the Boston University School of Theology. In 1895, in his 25th year, he was ordained, although he was licensed to preach at the early age of 18, and his first church was in Leicester, where he remained three years, coming from there to Jamaica Plain.

"To-morrow evening he is to be tendered a farewell reception and supper. The ladies' auxiliary has the matter in charge. The various pastors of the neighboring churches have been invited to be present."



The members of Texas Rho are to be congratulated on their home. The following is from the *University Calendar*, the publication of the students at the University of Texas :

"The chapter-house of the  $\Sigma$  A E fraternity is a thing of beauty to visitors, and doubtless a joy forever to its inmates. While taking your constitutionals you should stop to see it. Of course the region within its walls is "for men only," as a steady thing, but it is so cozy and homelike that one might believe it the habitation of a colony of graduate housekeepers.

"And speaking of decorations! On the walls of those chambers can be seen the most profligate collection of show bills, posters, center sheets from comic papers, and glaring red legends from the sides of street-cars that this observer has yet in any place observed. This, not to mention a lot of more staid and orthodox decorations which peep weakly forth from among their conspicuous fellows.

"It is a jolly little home throughout, and an appropriate setting for its bonhomie occupants."



In the RECORD for December, 1899, was an article containing several letters relating to the establishment of our chapter at the University of North Carolina.

One of the active members of Alabama Mu, recognizing the signer of one of those letters as a prominent physician of Columbus, Miss., sent him a copy of THE RECORD and received a very interesting letter in reply, a part of which is here given :

" You are correct in supposing I am the Sykes who wrote the letter produced in the Quarterly. I notice also a letter in it from J. H. Field on the next page to mine. He was from Columbus and is now practicing law in Dickinson, North Dakota. It all read like ancient history, and reminded me of that period of one's life that all seem to look upon as the happiest. It was the most prosperous time, the three or four years just preceding the war, the southern people ever knew. There were 450 students in our University in the four college classes, there being no preparatory department. There were about seven or eight Greek letter fraternities besides the two Literary Societies. Our fraternity had been started but a few years before at the University of Alabama by Devotie and had extended to most of the Southern colleges, the chapter at Chapel Hill having become the Grand Chapter. I got out the first catalogue and made some little change in the badge which I think lasts till this day, though it has been a long time since I have seen one. I lost mine during the war. The Constitution forbid the establishment of any chapter outside of the slave states at that time. It was both social and literary in its objects. There was no *Horse Play* in the initiation ceremonies, as I see from the Quarterly prevails to-day, but everything was on a high and dignified plane. I don't think hazing was very common in those days on entering college. It seems to be part of the curriculum of all colleges now. Athletics, which seems to be more taught than books now, was almost unknown at college then. Latin and Greek were considered, next to mathematics, necessary in every boy's education then; but now they are mostly optional. The world seems to have gone crazy on making money, and relegated to the rear everything that doesn't lead directly to it. Poetry, music and literature must take a back seat. They are not in it when it comes to making money.

" Please accept my thanks for the Quarterly. I forwarded it to J. H. Field in Dakota to let him see something that he and I had written over forty years ago.

" I would be pleased to have you call and see me when you come this way again.

Yours very truly,

On Saturday, May fifth, the members of Massachusetts Delta went to Cambridge to play their annual baseball game with Massachusetts Gamma. Although the game was very loosely played by both sides, it was interesting and was much enjoyed by the spectators who "rooted" indiscriminately for both teams. Gamma won by the score of 26-23.

The nines were as follows :

**GAMMA.**

Taylor, p., 2 b.  
Townsend, c.  
Buckingham, 1 b., p.  
Baker, 2 b., 3 b.  
Thurston, 3 b., 1 b. (Capt.)  
Bristol, ss., lf.  
Vedder, rf.  
Goddard, cf.  
Myers, lf., ss.

**DELTA.**

Barr, p.  
Norcross, c.  
Irons, 1 b. (Capt.)  
Lamb, 2 b.  
Allen, 3 b.  
Darling, ss., lf.  
Williamson, rf.  
Davis, cf.  
Gray, lf., ss.

Umpires: H. B. Gates, Gamma; S. T. Willis, Delta.

In the evening the visiting men from Delta were the guests of Gamma at a dinner at the Westminster, in Boston. Twenty-four of the active members of Delta were present at the game and dinner, and the remaining six are now vowing that nothing shall keep them away from the game next spring.



## **MARRIAGES.**

1895, Massachusetts Gamma.—George Adams Davis to Alice Rosalind Street, at Dorchester, Mass., 9 May, 1900.

1896, Massachusetts Gamma.—George Matthias Busch to Hannah Elizabeth Miller, at Williamsport, Pa., 20 March, 1900.

1898, Massachusetts Delta.—Frank Chester Harrington to Leora Leighton, at Worcester, Mass., 26 April, 1900.

## IN MEMORIAM.

OXFORD, GA., March 24, 1900.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from this world one so near the members of  $\Sigma A E$  in the bonds of brotherhood and love, Wyly Benton Milliken,

Be it resolved, First. That in his death Sigma Alpha Epsilon has lost a true and loyal son.

Second. That Georgia Epsilon of  $\Sigma A E$  as a body feels keenly the loss of him, though for some time he has not been in our midst.

Third. That individually our hearts were made sad when the unwelcome news was brought to our knowledge.

Fourth. That we extend to the bereaved family of our beloved brother the sympathy that comes from the depths of loving hearts.

Fifth. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and be published in THE RECORD and in the *Banner-Democrat*, of Lake Providence, La.

LAUREN W. FOREMAN,  
ROBT. H. TIMMONS,  
J. CRAIG PHILLIPS,  
Committee.

HALL, TENNESSEE OMEGA, SEWANEE, TENN., March 20, 1900.

WHEREAS, it has pleased an all-wise God to take unto himself our brother, John Barbee Galleher, we, the members of Tennessee Omega of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, do hereby testify our sense of loss in the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Galleher our Fraternity is bereaved of one of its most loyal and distinguished alumni.

*Resolved*, That the United States Army is deprived of a brave and efficient officer.

*Resolved*, That we wear the usual badge of mourning for a period of two weeks.

*Resolved*, That we extend our most sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, that a copy be published in THE RECORD and in the *Sewanee Purple*, and that they be spread upon the minutes of our chapter.

A. T. BRANCH,  
V. S. TUPPER,  
J. B. SNOWDEN,  
Committee.

CARLISLE, PENN., April 11, 1900.

Inasmuch as we, the members of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, have sustained a great and irreparable loss in the death of one of our charter members, Brother William Purdon Brines, of the class of ninety-four; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, his brothers in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, hereby express our most profound regrets and deepest sorrow for the loss of a true and loyal brother: be it

*Resolved*, That we, as individuals and as a chapter, extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the family of our departed brother in their bereavement; and be it

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, and a copy published in THE RECORD of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the chapter.

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## PERSONALS.

## MASSACHUSETTS DELTA, WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Walter J. Denny, '93, is with the American Card Clothing Co., Lowell, Mass.

Edward W. Davenport, '94, is connected with La Société Alsacienne de Construction Mecanique, Alsace.

George O. Sanford, '95, is on the force of the Metropolitan Water Supply at Sawyer's Mills, Boylston, Mass.

James B. Mayo, '96, is with the Heyward Bros. and Wakefield Co., Gardner, Mass.

Clifton B. Synyer, '98, is with the Heyward Bros. and Wakefield Co., Chicago, Ill.

Walter C. Fuller, '98, is with the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., Newport News, Va.

## MASSACHUSETTS IOTA-TAU, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

E. D. Pettengill, '99, is in Colorado in the mining business.

L. A. Stadler, '01, is in Helena, Mont., as he has left Tech.

J. A. McAlle, '01, is in Idaho engaged in mining.

C. F. Smith, '98, is now at home in Washington, D. C.

R. A. Swan, '97, has recently recovered from a severe attack of scarlet fever.

## MASSACHUSETTS BETA-UPSILON, BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

M. Fred O'Connell, '99, who is practicing law in the Rollstone National Bank Building at Fitchburg, Mass., was recently burned out, but has opened his office again at the same place.

Charles O. Engstrom, '97, a member of the Massachusetts Legislature, has recently attracted considerable attention by instigating an investigation of the gas companies of the State.

## MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA, HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Dr. F. W. Stetson, '94, has opened an office at 107 Stoughton St., Dorchester, Mass.

Joseph K. Millikin, '96, is at 546 County St., New Bedford, Mass.

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Harry C Lassing is a member of the lower house of the Kentucky State Legislature.

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Dr. Elmer T. Hall, '97, who completed the course in Osteopathy at the Ward Seminary, Kirksville, Mo., in the spring of '98, is meeting with marked success in practicing his profession at Watertown, N. Y. He was married to Miss Laura Brewington of Kirksville, on June 1, 1898.

C. B. Bryant, '97, ex-president of Province Epsilon, who for several years has had charge of the cotton business of J. H. Sloan, at Athens, Ga., has been transferred to Charlotte, N. C., where he becomes manager of the office of the above firm, and has also been elected secretary and treasurer of the Charlotte Bonded Warehouse Co. Mr. Bryant began his work in the cotton business as clerk in the Charlotte office three and a half years ago.

Geo. W. Hight, Jr., '98, has been admitted to the bar and has his office in the Vanderbilt building.



secured a "scoop" for his paper in the matter of the removal of the faculty of the University of Cincinnati.

OHIO THETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

F. R. Hoover, '99, has engaged in the practice of law, having opened an office in Columbus.

OHIO SIGMA, MT. UNION COLLEGE.

N. W. Stroup, '97, has been chosen from a class of seventy, as one of the six commencement orators at Drew Theological Seminary.

Charles P. Miller, '94, was an unsuccessful candidate on the Democratic ticket for councilman, in Alliance, recently.

K. F. Leet, '99, assistant in Oklahoma City High School, has been appointed teacher in the Alliance High School.

Otis U. Walker, '96, has been elected Mayor of Alliance, O.

James T. Deford, '98, is president of the Putnam County Abstract and Loan Co., at Ottawa, O.

Charles H. Miller, '94, has opened a law office at Joplin, Mo.

ILLINOIS PSI-OMEGA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

William C. Levere has written a book treating of college life at Northwestern. It is entitled "'Twixt Greek and Barb," and is being issued as a serial in the *Evanston Press*. Upon completion, it will be issued in book form.

Wm. Sheller, '96, is practicing law in Odebolt, Iowa.

Elmer Miner, '96, is teaching at St. Albans Military Academy, Knoxville, Ill.

George Mattison, '98, is practicing law in Mechanicsville, Ia.

Alpha Benetto Cosler, '99, is in business in Indianapolis, Ind.

A. R. Jones, '99, was recently deprived by burglars of about forty medals, which he had gained in numerous track events while in college. He was considered one of the best sprinters in the West during his college career.

George Edgerly, '98, has been elected mayor of Mechanicsville, Iowa.

ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

George B. Worthen, '98, has opened a law office at Poplar Bluff, Mo.

KENTUCKY KAPPA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

Frank A. Maloney, '98, has received a commission in the U. S. Army, and is now stationed in the Philippines.

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K. T. McConnico, '96, is serving his second term as assistant city attorney.

Robert Vaughan, '75, is district attorney.

Washington E. Hudson, '93, is assistant district attorney.

Dr. Jos. T. Meadors, '86, is practicing dentistry in Columbia, Tenn.

Dr. M. Lindsley, '81, is army surgeon, and is stationed in Havana, Cuba.

Prof. A. D. Wharton, '72, died quite recently. He was principal of Nashville High School, and had spent many years of service in the public schools of the city.

Andrew Gennett, '97, has opened a law office in Chamber of Commerce building.

#### ALABAMA IOTA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

E. A. Peterson, '99, is studying medicine at Baltimore Medical College.

B. C. Threadgill is bookkeeper for the Talladega Mercantile Co., Talladega, Ala. He will return to college next year.

#### MISSOURI BETA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Harry E. Ferrel, '98, is practicing medicine in St. Louis.

Chas. H. Stoffregen, '99, is with the Steinwender-Stoffregen Coffee Co., of St. Louis and New York.

Flavius J. North, '98, is an attorney and counselor at law, with an office in the Laclede building, St. Louis.

Louis A. Benecke, '96, has charge of the credit department of Samuel Cupples Woodenware Company.

M. Ray Hughes, '97, has returned from an extended trip abroad. He is now assistant to the chair of nervous diseases in Barnes' Medical College.

W. H. Grocott, '95, is instructor of chemistry and mathematics in the St. Louis Manual Training School.

E. Conzelman, '98, has a position with the Mississippi River Commission.

Frank Reardon, '98, is with the Interstate Sand and Car Transfer Company, of St. Louis.

#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Leo Chandler, '00, is in the law office of Parker & Chandler, San Francisco.

C. P. Cubben, '99, is with Geo. Tay & Co., San Francisco.

H. M. Merriam, '01, lieutenant 3d U. S. artillery, is stationed at Alcatraz Island, Cal.

W. L. Beedy, '01, is in San Francisco.

TEXAS RHO, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Francis H. Welch, '94, who graduated from the Harvard Law School in '97, is practicing law in Taylor, Texas.

William S. Bailey, '98, has formed a law partnership with Hon. Scott Field of Calvert, Texas.

A. G. Blacklock, '98, is practicing law in Dallas, Texas.

Wilmot Odell, '99, is private secretary to U. S. Senator Culberson, and is now in Washington.

Ewing Boyd, '99, is making a winning fight for county attorney of Delta county, on the Democratic ticket.

## FRATERNITY NOTES.

K Σ and Δ T Δ have become inactive at the University of Michigan.

The new edition of the Δ K E Song Book has just been issued.

Φ Σ K holds its next general convention with the West Virginia chapter.

Σ X recently revived its Phi chapter at Lafayette by the initiation of eight men.

The Alpha Omega chapter of K Σ at William Jewell College has been disfranchised for initiating men below the sophomore year.

K A (Southern) has established its thirty-ninth chapter at the University of Mississippi. The Σ A E hall was used for the installation.

The governor and lieutenant governor of Mississippi are members of Σ X. This is Σ X's first appearance in a gubernatorial capacity.

Three new sororities are reported—Φ K Z at William Jewell College, K Δ and Φ Π A at the University of West Virginia.

K A (Northern) has a chapter which started recently with a membership of six at McGill University. Z Ψ, A Δ Φ and Δ T also have chapters at McGill.

Φ K Ψ has taken a house at the University of Iowa, Σ X houses at Michigan and Tulane. Ψ T, Φ Δ Θ and Δ Φ have recently erected chapter-houses at the University of Pennsylvania. Δ Ψ has built a \$100,000 chapter-house on Riverside Drive, New York.

K Σ became the thirteenth Fraternity at Indiana University by installing a chapter of ten men. The new chapter occupies a house. K Σ has also organized a chapter at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. There are now seven fraternities at A. P. I.

Σ X has entered Stevens Institute of Technology, Δ K E the University of Pennsylvania, Δ T the University of Toronto, Z Ψ the University of Minnesota, A Φ Leland Stanford, Jr., University, and Φ Γ Δ Maine and Missouri State Universities.

The *Palm* of A T Ω in commenting upon the loss of the Beta chapter says, "We are at a loss to understand the present conditions at Washington and Lee. So far as we can learn, the University has prospered under President Wilson. We believe the

attendance has increased and that, in character, it compares favorably with other years when old Beta was strong and vigorous. Other fraternities, however, are also suffering for some reason. Pi Kappa Alpha reported only one member in attendance recently, and we believe others have also had their numbers very much reduced."

## EXCHANGES.

EDITED BY COOPER GAW.

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Delta Psi will erect a bronze memorial tablet at Columbia in honor of Hamilton Fish, Jr., who was killed at Las Guasimas, June 24, 1898.



The sororities at Swarthmore have been notified by the authorities that they will be expected to withdraw their charters at the end of the present college year. K K Γ, K A Θ, Π B Φ are affected. The reason given was that the chapters interfered seriously with the social life of the college. Permission has been given to present a defense. The fraternity men, K Σ, Δ T and Φ K Ψ having chapters there, are helping the girls all they can, realizing that their turn may come next. One-third of the women students are Greeks. —*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*



In some institutions the competition between fraternities has apparently grown so keen that recruiting is done to a large extent among the preparatory schools. While it is a good plan for alumni, and active members as well, to keep their eyes on likely men in the preparatory schools, the dangers of pledging them before they go to college are obvious. The following editorial from the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma is timely and interesting:

Each year the progress of the fraternity system in solidity and conservatism brings forth some policy or some attitude toward a condition that presages better things for the future. Elsewhere in this issue we have quoted an editorial from the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* in reference to the pledging of high school students which shows that this evil is receiving the deep consideration of

that fraternity. Other articles of similar import show that everywhere the fraternity world is alive to the danger from the practice; and we hope before long that some efficacious method of preventing it will be the outcome. If the present year shall bring any such plan near to the point of full fruition its right to be called a year of great fraternity progress will have been established. While the keen rivalry among chapters has forced Kappa Sigma to countenance this sort of pledging at some institutions, yet it has always been recognized by our leaders as a dangerous practice, and one that might in some instances actually destroy the life of a chapter. Eventually it should come to pass that no man in an American college shall unite with a fraternity until his sophomore year. It may be said that this is a radical departure from traditions and in some cases a deprivation to a student of fraternity advantages, but we simply say that the more radical the departure the more beneficent it sometimes is, and a man who expects his college education and his fraternity experience all to be acquired in his freshman year is not the sort of a man Kappa Sigma is looking for. A policy of taking no man until he is a sophomore would simplify the whole pledging question, as it would be easy to reach an agreement not to pledge or solicit until the end of the freshman's year. In the meantime, and until this radical change comes, let the high-school pledging cease, and along with it let there be an end to the still more reprehensible practice of pledging men who don't even attend a neighboring high school or a preparatory department, but who live hundreds of miles away from the college and are pledged by some exuberant chapter brother or misguided alumnus, with an utter disregard for the fact that he may be neither congenial nor acceptable to the brothers of the chapter that is expected to take him in. But we are not pessimistic; changes take place very fast nowadays, and in a few years the time and method of rushing and pledging will be reformed for the better. All we want to do is to help to hasten it.



The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta has started a Symposium, a department open to members of the fraternity for free discussion of fraternity topics. In the last issue that has come to us the opportunity was availed of to the extent of four pages. The *Rainbow* says of it:

With this issue we offer the fraternity a new department. We have received many personal letters that have brought out points of general interest to the fraternity, therefore, we were influenced



to establish the Delta Symposium. Whether we can make this department a permanent feature rests with the brothers. It is our purpose to offer these columns for free discussions of general fraternity and Delta Tau Delta interest. We shall be glad to print dissents from editorial views or further elaboration of any point we have too carelessly passed over. Contributions for this department will be printed with or without signatures, as the writer desires.



Φ Δ Θ appears to be unusually well-off in the matter of chapter-houses. The *Scroll* has this to say on the situation, and presents some interesting observations on the chapter-house question generally :

Henceforth in Φ Δ Θ the houseless chapters will be in a constantly diminishing minority. With the accession of Washington and Jefferson to the ranks of the housed and Purdue's resumption of housekeeping the total number of houses occupied by our chapters reaches thirty-three—more than one-half our whole number. Of these thirty-three wide-awake chapters ten own their homes and twenty-three rent them. This is a gain in three years of seventeen houses, of which five have been built by the chapters that occupy them. Such a record is creditable in the highest degree to the fraternity and to the chapters now housed.

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Rent a house next fall, a modest one at first if need be, but in a good neighborhood, as a chapter is often classed socially by the part of town in which it lives. Have expenses and income calculated carefully, and do not run in debt under any circumstances; leave nothing out of your estimate. Make a liberal allowance for coal. The furnace has blighted many a chapter treasury. Get some chapter with a home to send you its balance sheet. Pay more attention to your management the first year than you do to the size or the outward appearance of your house. If houses are scarce, April is not too early to begin looking for one to occupy in September. Get the best house you can, but get one without fail. If possible, get some local capitalist to build one for you, but do not tie yourselves up with too long a lease. Five years should be the limit; better make it three.

It is true that we have two or three chapters that are prevented by the dormitory system or prohibition prices from renting houses at present. But these chapters must be raising funds to build halls for meeting. Every man in every chapter should sign a set of ten-year notes at once, and a permanent committee

composed largely of alumni and business men should have charge of the fund and its collection. From the chapters that now own houses you can get plans of operation. And never do as a few chapters have done—secure notes and then allow them to lapse or be lost. Never allow a fund to be deposited or invested where it is not absolutely safe, though you should have to let it lie without receiving one cent of interest.

Each chapter in Theta province has a house of its own, and fine houses and fine chapters they both are. In New York every one of our four chapters is housed. In Pennsylvania we have six houses, and the only homeless chapter is older than the other six. Alpha province has thirteen houses. Of the eight chapters established and re-established in the last decade six are housed and the other two will be in three years, the drawback in their case being the fact that they are made up exclusively of resident members. Let our old chapters in Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta and Eta provinces ponder these facts. Every chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  not now in a home must come to Louisville to report success or a feasible plan for success at an early date. Delegates from unhoused chapters will have to spend convention week in making explanations, apologies and earnest promises.



Ernest W. Huffcut has given up the editorship of the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi to become president of the Grand Lodge. His successor, Charles J. Bullock, thus outlines his ideas of what a fraternity journal should be :

An examination of the files of *The Shield* shows that in the past this journal has followed pretty consistently five lines of work, and the editor believes that experience has shown that these mark out the appropriate field for its activity. First of all, *The Shield* must contain all the current news of the fraternity; and, through its department of graduate personals, must record the achievements of our alumni. One of the duties of every Theta Delta should be to send to this office all items of news that may come to his notice. In the second place, *The Shield* should be the medium through which questions of fraternity policy should be discussed, just so far as their nature may permit such public discussion. We propose this coming year to solicit from various brothers statements of their views upon two or three matters of present interest. In the third place, this journal should publish contributions to the history of the fraternity for the benefit of future historians. The editor will make an effort to secure articles on the history of the several charges, and will endeavor to obtain

from prominent graduates reminiscences of their fraternity life. Fourthly, *The Shield* should do something to encourage the writing of fraternity verse. While we should not aim to make this a literary magazine, such verse is always appropriate in its pages. And, finally, so far as space will permit, *The Shield* should keep in touch with fraternity journalism in general, and may profit greatly by observing how other fraternities deal with the same problems which Theta Delta Chi finds it necessary to solve.



The *Kappa Alpha Journal* has instituted a series of "Studies in Fraternalism," the first of which is entitled "The Men and the Chapter." We would like to quote it in its entirety, but lack of space prevents it. The best that can be done is to give a brief summary of it. The writer says that the prosperity of the chapter depends primarily on the congeniality of its members. "An uncongenial member could do more harm to the chapter than anything else, unless it be two uncongenial members." If a chapter has won a name for containing a set of fair students, it should not initiate a "sport," as this will destroy its congeniality. "Let me say, right here," continues the writer, "that it is an unwise thing for a chapter to initiate a man to change him. It is as bad as a woman marrying a man to reform him. Of course it is impossible to give any strict rules of congeniality. It is something natural and not artificial. In most cases it would make no difference if one man came from an entirely different section of country from the others. In some cases it would make a great deal. And so I emphasize that the prime thing in selection of men to ask is 'will they be congenial with the rest.' Unless this congeniality exists, there will not be all the attributes of fraternalism. And to the lack of this may be attributed the downfall of nearly every chapter that passes out of existence on account of 'private reasons.'

"And so I say that, in the selection of men, congeni-

ality is the first qualification, and it is one that *must* be satisfied. But it is far from being the only requisite for a fraternity man. It is hard and impossible to lay down strict rules in this matter, but there are some very general ones to be observed."

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Continuing the writer urges that a man should be a gentleman, the equal in character of every other man in the chapter, and of good morals, which count in fraternity life as they do everywhere else. A long line of ancestors need not be required, but still "family" must be to some extent a requisite. "We, here in the South, would vote against the initiation of one of those descended from the 'overseer crowd.' To put the matter in a nutshell, don't take in a man whose family is such as to cast reflection on the fraternity." Chapters should not be averse to initiating men from the country, for "say what you will, I know from experience that, as a class, the men from the country make the best fraternity men." As for money, while it doesn't make a fraternity man, a chapter should hesitate before initiating any one who cannot keep up to the standard.

Another thing on which stress is laid is, "know every thing about the man before you ask him to join." Too many mistakes are made through carelessness on this point. On the question of initiating brothers of fraternity men the writer says :

It often happens that a man has a brother who has been a member of the chapter, and then the chapter will hasten to take him in without knowing anything of the man. A prospective initiate may stand upon his brother's reputation as to family, means, etc., but every man should be adjudged as to character on his own merits. In nearly every case if one brother is all right the other will be. But the exception proves the rule. I have known one or two exceptions to this rule. And the converse of this rule is also true. Do not conclude that a man is not O. K. because his brother was a "barb" at college. The conditions may

have changed, and a thousand little things may have happened that make this man a good fraternity man. The provision in our ritual in regard to subject mentioned is a laudable one, and one that prevents trouble.

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The writer then takes up the rushing question. We quote what he has to say about pledging men before they have entered school, partly because it is a matter touched on elsewhere in this department, partly because it embodies just what we wished to say on the question ourselves :

As to pledging men before they have entered school: When they are attending some preparatory school of the college the chapter may have ample opportunity to judge of his merits, and under such conditions I will say "pledge the man." But when he is living in his native town, what about pledging him? Our fraternity allows the alumni to pledge men, but I am sure that this is the cause of as much harm as good. But what ought to be done is this: Get the alumni to talk up your fraternity to him and persuade him, if they can, that it is the only fraternity on earth and that the others are mere side issues. The alumni will have great influence over the men, if they will exert it. They live in the same town, know the boys, and the boys are ready and willing to take their advice because they have been to college. The alumni should not pledge them, but should talk to them in such a way that they would join that fraternity if they received an invitation. The chapter should keep in close communication with its alumni and a great deal of benefit will accrue. If you can get several good talks with a new man before he enters college, it is very likely that you have him right where you want him, and all the chapter will have to do is to extend an invitation.



From the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma we take an article pointing out the value of the card catalogue for keeping a record of the location and occupation of alumni. At least one chapter in  $\Sigma A E$ , Massachusetts Delta at Worcester, uses the card catalogue to good advantage, and other chapters would do well to follow suit. The *Caduceus* says :

The chapter which has attempted, as every chapter should, to

keep an accurate, up-to-date record of the location and occupation of its alumni brothers will appreciate any suggestion which tends to systematize this work. It is unnecessary to enlarge on the value of such records.

Any one with any experience in fraternity affairs is well aware of the important part the alumni play in chapter life and the necessity of keeping in very close touch with them. This is usually accomplished by a chapter correspondent and a record book, varying from an ordinary blank book to complicated printed forms. Beta Theta Pi has a neatly arranged record book for chapter uses which has some commendable features.

The outer end of each leaf has a blank detachable certificate of membership, which is filled out and given to the member. This leaves a large strip with spaces for a more or less complete record of the member's college and graduate life. While a record of this nature is of great value and cannot be too strongly urged upon the chapters of Kappa Sigma, it does not fulfil all the requirements of the chapter correspondent, who is expected to have the names and addresses of all the members of his chapter at his finger tips.

It occurred to me that the card system, at first employed in library catalogues, but now used quite generally in various ways by business and publishing houses, could be applied to fraternity uses with equal success. It is, I think, unnecessary to describe the cards or the system in which they are arranged, as they are found now in all good libraries. When a new member is taken into the chapter, his name, class, and pages in the chapter record book should be placed at the top of the card; under this would naturally come his home address.

When the brother graduates his new address could be added one or two lines below and his position or occupation at the bottom, so that the card, when completed, would read something like this:

Manter, Ralph B., '96, 121.

39 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

Civil engineer, Metropolitan Water Board.

These could easily be arranged alphabetically, with guide cards indicating the position of each letter. If one cared to take the extra trouble, a duplicate set could be made and arranged by classes, with guides for each class, or, if the correspondent was ambitious, the catalogue could include addresses of members of other chapters. In the latter case the chapter letter could be added opposite the name at the top of the card. When the member changes his address, as the younger alumni frequently do, the change could be noted on the card if space permitted, but the cards are so inexpensive that it is advisable to replace the old card with a new one with the corrected address. When such a cata-

logue was once brought up to date the cost and labor of maintaining it would be comparatively slight, while it would enable the correspondent to keep a much neater, more accurate, and more easily available list of the chapter members than he could by any other means. A good quality of cards can be obtained of the Library Bureau, 530 Atlantic avenue, Boston, or 215 Madison street, Chicago, for about two dollars per thousand. Of course these could be cut by any printer, but the advantage of having a standard size, which could be duplicated at any time, is obvious. Neat cases for holding the cards can be purchased of the Library Bureau for from one dollar and a half each up to the handsome and expensive cases used in the larger libraries. It is not expected, nor is it desirable, that a card catalogue should take the place of a more complete record, but its value as an accessory is, I think, too evident to need further comment.



## Chapter Letters.

### PROVINCE ALPHA.

#### **Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston University, Boston.**

There is no news of special moment to report for Beta-Upsilon, except that we have initiated into full-fledged brotherhood three most excellent fellows: Brothers Alexander, Conill, and White. We think it is worthy of note that the second of these men has the proud distinction of having served in the Cuban army in the struggle of the natives of Cuba with Spain; and undoubtedly he is the first man from our country's new possessions to join Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

As to the other work of the chapter since the last letter was sent in, we can say but little other than that the chapter has kept along about as usual, and that means that the chapter has been distinctly alive.

In the immediate future we contemplate celebrating our existence with one of those functions referred to in our last letter—the “beer night”; and, judging from past and similar nights, we shall enjoy ourselves to the utmost.

In closing, we must add that it is with a feeling more or less of sadness that for the last time as an active member and as E. C. we extend our heartiest wishes for the happiness and the success of all our brothers of Σ A E.

EDWARD C. STONE.

#### **Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.**

Now that the college year is closing and we are being hemmed in by the shadow of these “exams,” the chapter has begun to do some rushing, and we now have several men on the string. At the March Auburndale initiation we managed to secure a man to initiate, and we feel that we gave him a good time. We enjoyed very much the presence of so many of the Delta fellows at the house, and I am sure it would be a great pleasure if we could only see more of them. The editor of THE RECORD also honored us with his presence; we could likewise see more of him to great advantage.

Social life at Tech is now beginning to boom, as junior week approaches and work relaxes at the anticipation of the “prom.”



Since my latest letter Brother E. S. Thatcher has been elected president of the New England Intercollegiate Tennis Association, and we are justly proud. Brother R. V. Brown has also been elected secretary and treasurer of the M. I. T. Football Association, and Brother Pond captured a director's chair. Brother Pond has also been unanimously reelected captain of the 1902 Baseball Team.

We are beginning to feel that Iota-Tau is regaining her old standing at Tech, and a little bit more than we had before the disastrous year of '97-98. We are still out for more men, and we expect to have a few more before the end of the college year. Life is very uncertain at Tech, and a man may drop out at almost any time; so we want to have a large chapter so as to have plenty of leeway for those who leave the college.

Wishing sister chapters all success for the coming fall, I am

Fraternally yours,

LESLIE W. MILLAR.

**Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge.**

We have now returned from our regular spring recess and have entered upon the most delightful part of the year, latter April, May, and June. The chapter, strengthened by seven new men, is now prospering finely, and in outside influence and inside stability is fairly coming up to the rather optimistic predictions made at the beginning of the year.

Graduates' night, on February 22, was a fair success, although the stormy weather kept away many of our alumni whom we would have seen with us. The men who came, however, seemed to enjoy themselves and entered into the spirit of things with pleasing zest. As part of the entertainment offered our visitors, two rollicking little comedies were pleasantly rendered by Brothers Bidwell, Goddard, Janney, Millard and Vedder.

At a special initiation held in our rooms in February, Harold Edwin Holbrook, 1903, of Milwaukee, Wis., was initiated into the fraternity. The Annual Joint Initiation at Auburndale, March 17, was a great success and brought out a much larger crowd than has ever been present before. Massachusetts Gamma led Province Alpha in the number of men initiated, and on that afternoon six new names were added to our Mystic Roll, as the following took the oath of fraternity: Charles Augustus Norwood, 1902, of Ipswich, Mass.; James Warren Adams, 1902, of Ashmont, Mass.; Harold Putnam Williams, 1903, of Brookline, Mass.; Richard Melville Day, 1902, of Egypt, Mass.; Frank Herbert Davol, 1903, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Arthur Knowles Hutchins, 1903, of Worcester, Mass. These new brothers are strong, earnest fellows,

**PROVINCE BETA.**

**New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.**

Since our last letter we have added one name to our mystic scroll, and I take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Ralph Sherlock Kent, 1902, of Franklinville, N. Y. Brother Kent is president of the Dunstan Club, the Sophomore Class Honorary Society; won his numerals by playing on his class football team; played center on the Scrubs last fall, and is a promising candidate for the varsity next year; has been two years on his class debating team; is chairman of the Sophomore Smoker and of the Election Committee; and is now in the preliminary contests for the '88 Memorial Prize in Oratory.

In the Winter Boxing and Wrestling Tournament, Brother Follmer won the University heavy-weight wrestling championship. This is the third year that he has captured either the middle or heavy-weight championship.

Upon the advice of his physician, Brother Gould has left the University and taken a position in New York with the American Electric Vehicle Company. If his health improves he will return to the University next year.

The experiment of serving meals in the Lodge has, after a thorough test, proved successful, and has been not only a source of much pleasure, but also a great aid in "rushing."

The New York Legislature has recently appropriated \$40,000 for the College of Forestry.

During the Easter vacation, the East Hill House, which has long been an eyesore to the campus entrance, was burned to the ground.

We are all looking eagerly forward to the Province Beta Convention, to which we expect to send as delegates Brothers Follmer, Voorhees, McClure and Blakeslee. New York Alpha has many things to bring before the convention, and hopes to be brought into closer relations and a better understanding with the other chapters of the province.

Brother Atherton returned this term, after his extended illness, and the chapter has now twenty active members.

Faternally,

FRANK DURYEA VOORHEES.

**New York Mu, Columbia University, New York.**

The Columbia chapter has not added any initiates to her list since the last letter was written, but we are confident of pledging one man within a few days and have hopes of one or two others. The number of men we have taken in this year is not to be con-

**Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester.**

Although our winter passed pleasantly, we are all glad to have the warmer weather again, and are improving the opportunities it gives for being out of doors. Several of the brothers are training for the Tech Track Team, which has before it a dual meet with Amherst Agricultural College and the New England Intercollegiate games. The chapter baseball team is also practicing with the hope of repeating last year's victory over Harvard. Meanwhile a handicap pool tournament, started some time ago, is still being played off.

The annual dance, held on the evening of February 22, was a success, as usual. The hall was handsomely decorated, and there were a large number of Sigs and Sig girls present, all of whom, it is safe to say, enjoyed themselves. The hero of the evening was Brother Gallup, who arrived when the dance was about half over, after having helped the Tech relay team win from Tufts College. As mentioned in the last RECORD, the evening before the dance was made our alumni night, with great success, twenty-two of our alumni and six from other chapters being present. Anything which helps to keep the actives and the alumni in closer touch with one another must be of value to a chapter; and we think that alumni night will be a decided help in this particular.

We were fortunate in having with us on alumni night, and also at the dance, Brother Stetson, our province president, who was visiting us on his tour of inspection. We have also been visited recently by Brothers Crowell and H. N. Dawes of Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Brother Oldham of Ohio Epsilon, and Brothers E. H. Virgin, Holbrook and Wetherell of Massachusetts Gamma.

Quite a delegation attended the Province Convention, held at Cambridge, on March 17, and also the Auburndale initiation and banquet on the afternoon and evening of the same day. Both events were interesting, and the members of Iota-Tau and Gamma were most kind in providing for our accommodation and entertainment.

We have taken up the idea indicated in the last letters of Georgia Epsilon and Georgia Psi, of ~~having~~ having a paper on some subject pertaining to general fraternity, and especially  $\Sigma A E$ , read at each meeting. Such a plan, if thoroughly carried out, cannot fail to improve a chapter's knowledge of such matters.

We shall probably initiate no more men this year. But our chapter is large, our loss by graduation this year will be small, and we can look forward to next year with equanimity.

With best wishes to all the other chapters,

Fraternally,

ROBERT F. COGGESHALL.

We are receiving the first influx of the "annual chapter letters." If we may be pardoned in saying so, they are as dry and "set" in their contents as usual. Of course we are very glad that Brother So-and-so is class treasurer, and Brother So-and-so subscription agent, although the letters we are receiving neglect to say whether the brothers secured their office through personal fitness or political combinations. It does seem to us that it is an entirely mistaken notion which supposes that the enthusiasm of the various chapters receive any stimulus through knowledge of the different petty offices which individual Sig Alphas may happen upon. We welcome earnestly the letters of chapter *life*, but we receive them very seldom.

We will notice in closing that the new chemical laboratory provided by gift of Colonel John Jacob Astor, a trustee of the college, is completed and in operation.

HORACE WOOD STOWELL.

#### Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle.

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi is entering upon the last term of the present scholastic year in a fairly prosperous condition. We have been so unfortunate as to lose five men during the present year. While we miss them greatly and feel their loss, our chapter is still holding its own in the college world. Since our last letter we have initiated two men—Henry A. Salsbury, '03, of Swedesboro, N. J., and William H. Gillespie, '02, of Philadelphia.

In our annual Inter-Society Debate, January 30, Brother Hordesty, '01, was on the winning side. The baseball team is doing good work and looks forward to a successful season. In track athletics, under the direction of Brother Wood, as track captain, we hope to win from Gettysburg in our annual games with that college. Our relay team will easily be equal to the winning team of last year.

At present the interest of the chapter is directed toward the Province Convention which is to be held May 1st and 2d, which we expect to make the most successful ever held in Province Beta.

We send greeting to the new chapter, Kentucky Epsilon, and wish them all possible success.

Fraternally yours,

EUGENE H. BROCK.

#### Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

With the advent of the spring term comes a renewed interest in things fraternal about Bucknell. All year the rushing and spiking has been fast and furious, and now as the time of probation grows short, Greeks are looking forward to commencement time, when initiations will be in order. Pennsylvania Zeta will have her

sidered as a criterion of our spirit or the amount of work we have done. Without any exaggeration, the number of men whom we have considered and entertained this year is double that of any former year, and we regret that our efforts were unavailing in some cases, but we do not regret the work. The principal difficulty has been our inability to satisfy parents that we suit all their requirements, and such a number of men would return their answers to our invitation with a great deal of friendliness to the chapter, but sorrow that their fathers or aunts disapproved of fraternities, that it was suggested that we hereafter seek only orphans as candidates. We have lost only one man to another fraternity, and the others who have been obliged to refuse our bids have remained non-fraternity men. We hope to see a number of orphans in the next freshman class, and then our numbers will grow in a night.

New York Mu feels that she is justified in announcing a chapter-house, for steps have been taken in that direction. The financial situation and its prospects have allowed us to contemplate the renting of a house, and with the advice of Brother Champe Andrews and Rev. Brother Freeman we have begun to plan and spend our spare time in real estate offices. We hope to start in our family life in October with ten boarders, some of them graduates who now board in the city, and who have enough spirit and good-will toward the chapter to help us along with their company and incidentally some room-rent.

Brother Coerr has a splendid chance to make one of the varsity boats, and Brother Wichman is one of the freshman crew squad. That is the extent of our athletic record. Brother Harrison has been elected to be presentation orator at the class-day exercises.

Fraternally,

R. H. CROMWELL.

#### **New York Sigma-Phi, St. Stephen's College, Annandale.**

With the opening of spring St. Stephen's, so happy in its location, is beginning, we might say, its outdoor term. The glories of our life here, especially appreciated this time of the year, are enough to make us all spring poets, and this gives me occasion to say that New York Sigma-Phi contributes its full share to the literary life of the college. In the *Messenger* we are, as usual, conspicuous editorially and otherwise.

The Mask and Gown Club is arranging for an outdoor play during commencement week. Brother Durell, '02, who was captain of last year's football team, is the club manager.

We were much pleased with a visit from Brother Anderson of Connecticut Alpha, and were interested in hearing news from Trinity's loyal few.

a cordial invitation to make their presence known. With best wishes for all Sigs, I am, fraternally yours,  
CLARENCE MOORE.

**PROVINCE GAMMA.**

**Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.**

The sixteen loyal Sigs that compose the membership of Omicron chapter extend greetings to our brothers in Σ A E.

Our chapter is in an excellent condition and everything is moving along in a very happy style, notwithstanding the approaching final examinations.

We had the pleasure of celebrating Founders' Day in a very happy and enjoyable manner. Preparations were very elaborately made by some of our active brothers, and we realized quite a unique and entertaining evening in the shape of a first-class "Σ A E smoker." Brother Grubbs acted as toast-master for the occasion, and many a round of jolly good laughter was the result of his inimitable manner of making toasts. All the members acquitted themselves excellently in their responses. The last toast, "Σ A E and her sons," was responded to with much feeling, and as "Phi Alpha" died away, we were all feeling very sorry that every day was not Founders' Day.

It is with pleasure that we note the flourishing condition of the chapters throughout the country, and we feel sure that Σ A E is destined to live forever.

We will lose a number of men this year, but as we will leave some loyal workers behind to begin our next session's work with we feel sure that chapter affairs will not fall behind.

Two new men are to be added to our ranks this month, which will make a total of five men initiated this session.

With every good wish for the continued prosperity of Sigma Alpha Epsilon,

Fraternally yours,  
WILLIAM C. MONROE.

**North Carolina Xi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.**

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share of men, and the next number of THE RECORD will see several new names added to her chapter roll.

The coming Province Convention is, of course, a matter of great interest to all Sig Alpha just now. It is especially so to Pennsylvania Zeta, and we contemplate attending in a body and helping to make the convention one of profit and interest.

Brothers Thomas Evans and Lee Goodman were members of our junior dance committee. Brothers Goodman and Martin belong to the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, and Jess Evans and Sausser are members of the newly organized Bucknell Dramatic Club.

The night of March 9th we celebrated with a "smoker" in the chapter-house, and had with us several of our alumni and our pledged men.

We lose by graduation this year J. D. Evans and E. A. C. Mofer.

Yours fraternally.

DAVID A. SAUSSER.

#### **Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg.**

Gettysburg College has entered upon her third term of the year with increased activity along almost every line. Athletics is receiving a great amount of attention. A great effort is being made to develop a winning track team. Brother I. K. Smith is a promising candidate for the relay team.

Our baseball season opened April 7th with a game at Lancaster against our old rivals—Franklin and Marshall. It was very gratifying to the students that our boys should make the first game a complete victory. Brother Lantz, as captain of the team, is making every effort to have a winning team, and is playing his position with his usual skill. Brother Hoffman has been selected a member of the team.

Our musical club has had a very successful trip through parts of Pennsylvania and Maryland during the first part of March. Brothers Ahalt, Mehring, Hetrick and Lantz, as members of the club, accompanied them on the trip, and report a pleasant time. While in Carlisle they were entertained by the Sigma-Phi chapter at Dickinson College, and have many nice things to say about the royal time the brothers at Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi showed to them.

Our chapter was much pleased to learn that arrangements have been completed for the delegates to the province convention to spend May 3d on America's greatest battle-field, and at the same time to pay our chapter a visit.

Among the many thousand tourists who visit Gettysburg annually doubtless could be found a number of Σ A E's. We, therefore, take this opportunity to extend to all who "pass this way"

a cordial invitation to make their presence known. With best wishes for all Sigs,  
I am, fraternally yours,

CLARENCE MOORE.

### PROVINCE GAMMA.

Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

The sixteen loyal Sigs that compose the membership of Omicron chapter extend greetings to our brothers in  $\Sigma A E$ .

Our chapter is in an excellent condition and everything is moving along in a very happy style, notwithstanding the approaching final examinations.

We had the pleasure of celebrating Founders' Day in a very happy and enjoyable manner. Preparations were very elaborate made by some of our active brothers, and we realized quite a unique and entertaining evening in the shape of a first-class " $\Sigma A E$  smoker." Brother Grubbs acted as toast-master for the occasion, and many a round of jolly good laughter was the result of his inimitable manner of making toasts. All the members acquitted themselves excellently in their responses. The last toast, " $\Sigma A E$  and her sons," was responded to with much feeling, and as " $\Phi$  Alpha" died away, we were all feeling very sorry that every day was not Founders' Day.

It is with pleasure that we note the flourishing condition of the chapters throughout the country, and we feel sure that  $\Sigma A E$  is destined to live forever.

We will lose a number of men this year, but as we will leave some loyal workers behind to begin our next session's work with us we feel sure that chapter affairs will not fall behind.

Two new men are to be added to our ranks this month, which will make a total of five men initiated this session.

With every good wish for the continued prosperity of Sigma Alpha Epsilon,

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will be for us one of the most enjoyable features of the whole commencement.

At this season of the year the interest of the student body is centered in our baseball team which has so far been very successful, defeating, among other teams, LaFayette and Cornell. Brother Battle pitched one game against LaFayette, and Brother Thompson is assistant manager of the team.

President Alderman has been recently tendered the presidency of Tulane University, but as yet has given no definite reply.

Brother E. K. Graham, '98 has been elected instructor in English. This is an honor well deserved, and the chapter is especially fortunate in having Brother Graham with it

We were pleased to have visits from Brother Alex. Winston, '95, who is now practicing law at Spokane, Washington, and Brother Thomas Stringfield, M.D., '96, who is following his profession at Waynesboro, N. C. Our prospects for next year are very bright, as there is an abundance of good material in the present freshman class which will be eligible to membership in fraternities next October. With sincerest regards to all sister chapters,

I am, fraternally,

ALFRED R. BERKELEY.

#### North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson.

Since our last letter, very little of interest has happened in the college. This is a season of hard work, as the senior and medical examinations will begin in a week or two.

Fraternity life has been most pleasant and all of our meetings are full of interest. We take pleasure in introducing our recent initiate, Arthur L. Mills, '03, of Greenville, S. C.

We have been making some improvements in our hall lately, and have added some new furniture which improves its appearance very much. In this we have been assisted greatly by the skill and good taste of our lady friends.

Brother Gourdin has recently been elected business manager of the Davidson Magazine. Your correspondent has been elected editor of the same.

Brother Hewitt has been elected business manager of the annual of the class of 1900. This year's issue of "Quips and Cranks," our college annual, promises to be a good one. Theta is represented on the editorial staff by Brothers Monroe and McConnell. Brother Cornelson has recently been elected commencement secretary of the Eumenean Society.

President B. F. Wilson, of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., an old Theta man, has been elected alumni orator of the Eumenean Society.

Our eager anticipations are to be realized, in part, on April 23d, when Brother Clay Murphy will entertain us with a reception at his home. The place itself warrants us one of the happiest occasions to which Georgia Psi has ever been guest.

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#### Georgia Epsilon, Emory College, Oxford.

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The occasion was altogether a very enjoyable one, and we are sure much good results from these celebrations. They serve well to teach the younger men of the chapter the greatness of the fraternity to which they belong. After leaving the hall, we awoke the village with the fraternity cheer, and then departed to our homes for pleasant dreams.

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years. will resign, on account of his age, and a general reunion of the alumni is being planned. Two of our brothers will participate in the exercises of commencement, as junior debaters—Gibson and Daniel. At the Sophomore Exhibition, on April 23d, Watkins is president, and Prince is first speaker from the Preston Society. A. M. Brabham is on the ball team, which has begun with a good record. Leonard was elected marshal for the Sophomore Exhibition. Daniel is president of the Preston Society.

All our men expect to return to college next year, and we will doubtless make it one of the best years in our history.

Fraternally,

THOMAS H. DANIEL.

#### *Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens.*

We have just finished a series of games with Cornell and the team is practically made out: Brothers Charlton and Andrews are manager and assistant manager respectively. Brother McBride is short stop and captain, Baxter is left field, and Hull is substitute.

Field Day will be held on April 28th, and the track team is in excellent condition. Brother Erwin is manager, Cox, Rucker, Mann, Hardy, Batten and Hull are on the team, and will no doubt carry off their share of the honors.

The Hop Committees for commencement have not been appointed, but Σ A E will have several members.

Brother Denmark is president of the German Club, and we have eight members out of a total of thirty-two.

We lose ten men by graduation this year and two otherwise, leaving fifteen men to be returned, together with two pledged men to be initiated at commencement.

The question in regard to young ladies wearing the pin has been much discussed here, and we have almost decided to stop the practice.

Brothers McCartney, Lott, Dorsey, Baxter and Boyd rode over to Oxford the past week on their wheels; they report a very pleasant stay with the Emory chapter. Commencement this year begins on the fifteenth of June, and we extend an invitation to all Σ A E's.

Fraternally,

H. JOHNSON McBRIDE.

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The sad news of the death of Brother Wyly Benton Millikin, at his home in Lake Providence, La., reached us a few days since. Brother Millikin was with us here only last year, and every member of the chapter deeply grieves the untimely death of such a devoted brother. His death was caused from spinal meningitis, which developed on Monday, March twelfth, and completed its awful work on the following Friday. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Lake Providence on the following Sunday. Among the floral tributes was a beautiful bouquet tied with "Old Gold and Royal Purple" ribbon, which was the gift of some former college friends.

The junior speakers' places have been read out, and Lauren Wood Foreman, our worthy E.T., was among the successful contestants. The members of the sophomore, freshman and sub-freshman classes will speak for places this month, and  $\Sigma A E$  is expecting to receive a goodly number of the honors.

Baseball is now the all-interesting sport with the Emory boys. There are several teams in college, one from each class, and several second teams. Brothers Irvin, Pattillo, Foreman, Rawls, Bayard and Dozier are among the  $\Sigma A E$  players.

Emory is expecting the greatest Commencement in her history. The senior class is composed of forty-nine men, all of whom, except two special students, will receive diplomas. This will be the largest class ever graduated from this institution. Brothers Irvin, Callaway, and your E. C. will be the  $\Sigma A E$  graduates.

This will be the last letter of the writer as E. C. to THE RECORD, and he wishes to express to his brothers all over the fraternity his gratitude to  $\Sigma A E$ . Nothing has shaped his college life more than his fraternity, and its teachings in the way of right will stay by him all through life. Although he finds some joy in graduating, still there is sadness in his heart on account of the fact of leaving the active membership of his dear old fraternity.

With best wishes for the prosperity and continued success of our sister chapters.

Faternally,

J. RALEIGH PATTILLO.

#### **Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta.**

Georgia Phi celebrated Founders' Day with a small spread in the chapter room. The evening was marked with brilliant and enthusiastic speeches. The visiting brothers who attended and added to the pleasure of the evening by impromptu speeches were: Brothers F. C. Furlow, E. S. A., alumnus of Georgia Phi; G. Hendree Harrison, E. S. T., alumnus of Georgia Phi, and active member of Tennessee Omega; E. E. Pomeroy, president Gamma province

come to school next year. Our prospects for a winning baseball team both in college and fraternity are very favorable.

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In taking a review of the year, we can say truthfully that this has been a banner year for Σ A E at Ohio Wesleyan. We are stronger in numbers and more united in purpose to maintain our high standard amid the difficulties that beset us.

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The annual banquet of the active and alumni members of Ohio Epsilon was held on the 21st of March, at the Palace Hotel. The menu was excellent and the tables were tastefully decorated with ferns and tiny colored electric lights. Brother Cairns was toastmaster and presided with his usual grace. Inspiring toasts were heard from Brothers Ginter, Ratliff, Pierson, Bailey, Dalton and Van Matre. Thirty-seven enthusiastic Sigs sat around the festal board and made things lively till the wee small hours.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Brother Wm. Gamble Nast, ex-'00, who died beloved by all who knew him.

However, we take pleasure in presenting J. C. Buchwalter, '00, Case Taylor, '03, and Homer Robbins, '04, to the fraternity at large.

In respect to the senior class this year we are well represented, and Ohio Sigma will sustain a great loss in losing nine active and loyal boys. Last year seven fellows left our ranks and now nine. This condition necessitates active endeavor on the part of those left—a necessity which will be overcome.

For the second time in the history of our fraternity at Mount Union a Sig Alph has been elected mayor of the city of Alliance. The first was M. B. Excell, '92, now an attorney of Cleveland, and the second, Otis W. Walker, '96. Brother Walker is entirely competent to assume the duties of this responsible position, and, although small of stature, graces his office with considerable dignity. He will be remembered by some Sigs who attended the convention in St. Louis in '96, having represented this chapter at that meeting.

K. F. Leet, '99, former E. C., after spending a few months in Oklahoma city, returns to Alliance to assume the position of High School teacher. His presence is quite an inspiration to the boys.

The Rev. N. N. Stroup, '97, has been chosen from a class of sixty as one of the six commencement orators at Drew Theological Seminary. "Ner," when in college, took second place in the State Oratorical contest.

T. Jordan Maxwell, '01, edits the "Dynamo" this term.

Edward Clarence Wolfe, '02, was chosen president of the sophomore class, while Harry Griffith holds the same position in the junior class. Judson Jefferys presides over the interests of the Y. M. C. A.

C. L. Merwin and Harry Griffith report a pleasant and profitable time at the Delta Convention which was held in Columbus. They are pronounced in their praise of the good men to be found in  $\Sigma A E$ .

By the way, if any Sigs are near Alliance at Commencement time, June 20-25, do not fail to come and see us, and as our annual banquet is due that week, you might bring your friend. All are welcome.

FRANK E. MCGUIRE.

#### Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

The May issue will find Ohio Delta on the third semester with twenty initiated men in school, and four "preps." Brother A. P. Cherrington won the oratorical contest and will represent Ohio Wesleyan at Illinois this year. We have not rushed any men this term, but are keeping our eyes open for desirable men who may

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On the twenty-eighth of March Frank Roberts of Lawrenceburg, Ind., was initiated and we take pleasure in introducing him. We have been busy in making some extensive alterations in our rooms, in preparation for a dance to be held on the 20th of this month to mark the end of the Lenten season.

With best wishes to sister chapters,

Fraternally,

EDWIN L. HUTCHINS.

Ohio Theta, Ohio State University, Columbus.

Since the last issue of THE RECORD Ohio Theta has been as prosperous as usual. The third Biennial Convention of Province Delta was held in Columbus on March 8th and 9th, and everybody present reported a good time. The convention was especially helpful to our freshmen, because it furnished them with an excellent opportunity to meet some jolly "Sig Alphas" early in their fraternity career.

Brother Dickinson has been promoted to the ranks of captain in the Cadet Battalion. This gives us two captains, Dickinson and Denny, and also means a "Sig Alph" major next year. Brother Miller is now managing editor of the *Lantern*, the university weekly publication.

There has been an attempt made to organize an interfraternity baseball league here, but it has fallen through, owing to lack of interest. However, we have organized a team and are arranging games with three or four of the other frats.

We have not initiated any more men this year, but are beginning another rushing season, in order to bring our members up to twenty or more. Our chapter-house is nearly full, and we are having no trouble from that source. We enjoyed a very pleasant visit from our alumni, Brothers Snodgrass, Hipple and Hewitt, during the convention.

With best wishes for all members of Σ A E, I am

Yours fraternally,

JOHN D. ANDREWS.

Indiana Alpha, Franklin College, Franklin.

As the year's work draws to a close Sigma Alpha Epsilon begins to form her plans for future work. At first glance it looks as though we should need to work next year with increased energy, as six men pass out of college life and go forth to represent us in the general world. We are certainly proud of the men now about to graduate, and when we think that about ten of us will return, we feel that with a little push we shall be able to make the college

year of '00 and '01 one of the most successful in the life of the chapter.

We celebrated Founders' Day with an event which was one of the swellest of the season. We made an innovation by giving the event from six to ten. We are glad to say that our example has been followed in every affair given since. Brother Shelden of Illinois Beta, Brother Ragsdale of the University of Chicago, and Brother A. F. Harlow of Indianapolis, were among the out-of-town guests.

Since our last letter we have won some honors worth mentioning. Powel has been elected president of the Athletic Association. Waggener has been appointed to succeed himself as captain of the football team, Chaille is captain of the baseball team, and your correspondent has won the college championship in debate.

Wishing every member of  $\Sigma$  A E a successful closing of work and a pleasant vacation, I remain yours fraternally,

A. C. EVERINGHAM.

#### **Indiana Beta, Purdue University, LaFayette.**

As the time for Commencement draws near, we cannot but have a feeling of regret, that so happy and prosperous a year is coming to a close. We will lose five brothers with the class of 1900, but we expect, if our initiates and remaining brothers return, to have a good foundation for next year. We have lost four of our brothers this year: we began last fall with fourteen, and we now have twelve and four spikes.

We gave a bob-sled party during the last part of the winter which was a very enjoyable affair: we drove eight miles to a small town where our suppers awaited us, and after a few hours we returned by moonlight. We have also been guests at a smoker given by Sigma Nu: the time was spent at cards, stag dances, and in singing popular songs, some of which brought memories of days gone by. The hosts spared no pains to make the evening a success, and they succeeded perfectly.

We have received visits from Brothers William Taylor, '96, Harold Cope, '98, and Howard Smith, ex-'02.

We have received some letters and invitations to the Province Convention from our sister chapters, which we wish to acknowledge.

With good wishes to all, we remain

Fraternally yours,

PAUL B. SAWYER.

Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston.

In this, the last issue of the college year, a *résumé* of our work is probably not out of place. Only six of our men returned in the fall, and by dint of conscientious labor we succeeded in swelling our number to fifteen. This total is divided among the different classes as follows: Two seniors, two juniors, five sophomores, and six freshmen. It will be seen that we lose only two men by graduation. The remainder will be prepared to return next fall to continue the good work. We have three pledged men, with prospects of more before graduation.

In the line of general college activity, we may say with all due modesty that we have held our own. We have only the friendliest relations with both "Greek and Barb.," and we stand high in favor with the fair maids. Our men are popular, as their large representation in various lines testifies. For example, we have men on the musical clubs (one of them a soloist), on the annual of both this year and next, on the track-team, on the baseball team, among class officers, in honorary societies, and on the football squad of the last season.

Since the last publication of THE RECORD, we have initiated two men, who are already indispensable in "rushing"; they are Ora L. Hall, of Palermo, Ill., and James H. Hance, of Chicago.

The Chicago Alumni Association, which has recently sprung into new life, has extended cordial invitations to us in all their "blow-outs," and, as a result, several of our number attended the Alumni dinner on Founders' Day. The remainder spent the evening in song and smoke and story. Meanwhile, Brother Colburn was imbibing food and enthusiasm at the Province convention in Columbus, whither he had journeyed in the company of Brother William C. Levere.

We have no other news of importance to offer. What little is left of the college year will contain nothing unusual, save a few pleasant surprises in the way of honorary elections. It is needless to repeat that our fraternity enthusiasm is, if anything, on the increase. We all hope to make next year the banner year of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, at Northwestern. As this will be my last "splurge" as correspondent, I wish to bear witness to the extreme patience of Brother Lakin, who will understand me when I say that I can no longer promise to "do better next time." Brother Mellus has also had his troubles, and we hope that our successor will learn to walk the straight and narrow path. Wishing a pleasant vacation to all Sig Alphas, and prosperity and happiness to the brotherhood in general.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL W. SCHLORFF.

three frats. These three and our thirteen members saw to it that sixteen of the prettiest girls in Russellville were landed safe in our hall at 9 o'clock. The president, Dr. Alderman, and wife, and Mr. Will Evans and wife were chaperons. Owing to Mrs. Evans's kind aid, refreshments were served, and at twelve o'clock all left the hall singing "Good night, Ladies."

Every Sig here has the highest regard for Mrs. Evans, for she has more than once shown herself a kind and reliable friend to Σ A E.

With best wishes for every chapter, I am

Yours fraternally,

L. DURWARD DENTON.

#### Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville.

Since our last letter, the event of most interest was our celebration of Founders' Day, which was postponed to March 30 on account of unexpected circumstances. On that night the chapter, a number of city alumni, and three of our four *fratres in facultate* gathered at the delightful home of one of our city "fraters." After discussing a most delicious and seasonable menu, which was excellently served, the following toasts were responded to:

"The Day we celebrate" .....	Toast-master
"DeVotie and his Work" .....	Gracey H. Luckett
"Our Birthplace" .....	F. P. Gracey
"Tennessee Zeta" .....	P. A. Lotterhas
"Ancient History" .....	Jos. R. Wilson, Jr
"N. C. Theta" .....	Dr. S. R. McKee
"The Fraternity and the College" .....	Dr. R. A. Webb
"Our Sisters" .....	Prof. J. B. Wharey

After the toasts the musical brothers entertained the gathering, and at the evening's close the "mystic circle" was formed and the echoes awakened with the triple cheer, and we went to our respective homes feeling that it was good to be a Sig.

We will lose one member by graduation, Lewis G. Wilson, and several more do not expect to return next year, so that we will have a small chapter with which to start the fall campaign.

This commencement the twenty-fifth anniversary of the University will be celebrated, and we expect a large number of our alumni. Brother Geo. W. Patterson of Murfreesboro will deliver the annual address before the Palmer Homiletic Society.

We recently had a most pleasant visit from Brother Rogers, an alumnus of Tennessee Kappa.

Wishing all the brothers a pleasant and profitable vacation, I am,

Fraternally,

GEO. D. BOOTH.

Our fraternal relations are very satisfactory, and the tie is constantly becoming stronger that binds us to Σ A E. With best wishes to all the chapters, I am,

Fraternally yours,

HARLAN HOYT HORNER.

### PROVINCE EPSILON.

#### **Kentucky Kappa, Central University, Richmond.**

Since our last letter to *THE RECORD* nothing of especial interest has taken place except the initiation of J. Rockwell Smith of Henderson, Ky. We have been unfortunate this year in losing four of our best men, Kinnel, Lassing, Banks, and Hampton. Brother Kinnel has successfully passed the examination at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He was one of the most respected members of Kentucky Kappa, and rightly deserves his good fortune.

We greatly mourn the loss of these brothers. However, our chapter still leads in membership at Central, having an enrollment of fourteen, who ably represent us in every phase of college life. Kenney is president of the junior class, Rowell is historian of the sophomore class, and Andrews is president of the freshman class. We are represented on the staff of the "Cream and Crimson," the college annual, by Tadlock and Smith. We are also represented on the Central News, the college weekly, by Tadlock, Smith, Rowell and Andrews.

With best wishes for the prosperity of every chapter and the success of each member of our fraternity,

I am, fraternally,

T. CURRY DEDMAN.

#### **Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.**

Our last initiate, Mr. G. E. Glover, has been called home by his parents. We feel sure that he will be with us again in the fall and will make a strong man for Σ A E.

Brothers Morgan and Moore will be our only graduates this year. We regret to see them leave, for both have been good workers and well deserving the honor of wearing the purple and gold; yet we are proud to see them go, for we are convinced that their future work will be crowned with success. We have two men on the baseball team, Poor and Davis. Brothers Morgan, Davis and Sandidge will be our best representatives on field-day, and we expect them to bring in our share of the medals.

Not knowing just how to express our feeling concerning our 9th of March celebration, I will give circumstances and let the reader judge for himself. We invited one man from each of the other

three frats. These three and our thirteen members saw to it that sixteen of the prettiest girls in Russellville were landed safe in our hall at 9 o'clock. The president, Dr. Alderman, and wife, and Mr. Will Evans and wife were chaperons. Owing to Mrs. Evans's kind aid, refreshments were served, and at twelve o'clock all left the hall singing "Good night, Ladies."

Every Sig here has the highest regard for Mrs. Evans, for she has more than once shown herself a kind and reliable friend to  
Σ A E.

With best wishes for every chapter, I am

Yours fraternally,

L. DURWARD DENTON.

#### **Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville.**

Since our last letter, the event of most interest was our celebration of Founders' Day, which was postponed to March 30 on account of unexpected circumstances. On that night the chapter, a number of city alumni, and three of our four *fratres in facultate* gathered at the delightful home of one of our city "fraters." After discussing a most delicious and seasonable menu, which was excellently served, the following toasts were responded to:

"The Day we celebrate" .....	Toast-master
"DeVotie and his Work" .....	Gracey H. Luckett
"Our Birthplace" .....	F. P. Gracey
"Tennessee Zeta" .....	P. A. Lotterhas
"Ancient History" .....	Jos. R. Wilson, Jr
"N. C. Theta" .....	Dr. S. R. McKee
"The Fraternity and the College" .....	Dr. R. A. Webb
"Our Sisters" .....	Prof. J. B. Wharey

After the toasts the musical brothers entertained the gathering, and at the evening's close the "mystic circle" was formed and the echoes awakened with the triple cheer, and we went to our respective homes feeling that it was good to be a Sig.

We will lose one member by graduation, Lewis G. Wilson, and several more do not expect to return next year, so that we will have a small chapter with which to start the fall campaign.

This commencement the twenty-fifth anniversary of the University will be celebrated, and we expect a large number of our alumni. Brother Geo. W. Patterson of Murfreesboro will deliver the annual address before the Palmer Homiletic Society.

We recently had a most pleasant visit from Brother Rogers, an

**Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon.**

As the days of Commencement draw nearer, we may look back upon our year's work with some degree of satisfaction. Each brother has striven energetically for the advancement of our beloved order. Thus we have accomplished much, and this in the face of adverse circumstances for much of the time.

Since our last letter we have initiated three men: Charles F. Anderson and S. Walker Bryan of Franklin, Ky., and Frank McCreagor of Lebanon, Tenn. Beginning with six men, we have increased our enrollment to sixteen. But our strength lay this year chiefly in the law department, and since it is a course of only one year, we hope next year to transfer this strength to the literary department.

We lost by graduation in January Robert E. Lester, of the law, and will lose by graduation in June ten more brothers. Only four of the other five will return, yet we hope to return next fall some of our '98 initiates who failed to return in '99.

We have this year received quite our share of college honors. In football, baseball and other athletics our men have been quite prominent. In society and class elections, oratorical contests, etc., we have participated conspicuously and successfully. We close the year with a good record for the past and a bright prospect for the future. Though we will perhaps be weak numerically in September, we leave with confidence our chapter's success in the hands of our returning brothers and our very worthy alumni.

Bidding adieu to our sister chapters, we congratulate them for their past work, and wish them even greater success in the future.

Fraternally,

J. H. GOODKNIGHT, JR.

**Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.**

Another scholastic year is drawing to its close, and it is again the usual "stock-taking time" for fraternities. Tennessee Nu looks back upon its record for the year with pleasure and rejoicing—pleasure in the genial associations that have made college life delightful, and rejoicing in the victories won in the various departments of chapter work. Our boys have worked in perfect harmony, without a single element of discord, and every man has done his best to make the fraternity a model of unity and strength. As a result of this united effort we are decidedly stronger than at the beginning of the year. Commencement will find us, as a chapter, with our college work faithfully done. We are not all trying

for Founder's Medal; but it is an unwritten law among us that each man's lecture-room work must show up satisfactorily.

We have been exceptionally favored this year with positions in the university. Brothers Dye, Simmons and Scott are instructors in different departments; Brother Court, librarian of the Theological Department, the writer being secretary of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The Medical Department of Vanderbilt University has just closed a successful year. Brothers Jones and Dye graduated with high honors, both appearing on the honor-roll. Brother Joe Sherrill took off the highest honors of his class and received a medal for having made the best general average.

The Field-day exercises of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association will occur on Dudley Field in May, and will be an occasion of general interest. We expect to be represented in the contests, and hope to have a large number of visiting Sigs with us at that time. We continue to keep representation on the Varsity Nine and Track Teams, and believe in making athletics one of the winning features of fraternity life.

We find both encouragement and inspiration in the fact that "without opposition there can be no true greatness." Vanderbilt has thirteen fraternities, composed largely of wide-awake fraternity men, who make university life interesting. Each of these "frats" must fight (in a friendly way) for every inch of its standing ground. It is our opinion that Sigma Alpha Epsilon is in every way naturally entitled to rank first in this institution, and only modesty prevents our claiming it.

Since our last writing we have had a very pleasant visit from Brother G. Hendree Harrison, who is very popular with our boys and is always more than welcome to our midst. Brother Harrison brings interesting reports from the general fraternity. We have received up to date more chapter letters than usual. They were helpful to us, and we take this opportunity to thank the several correspondents. In the opinion of the writer such letters are highly beneficial, and this much-neglected custom could be more generally indulged in to an advantage.

The spring vacation usually enjoyed by our faithful "goat" was recently interrupted by an initiation. The successful "masters of the saddle" were W. N. Tucker, Centerville, Tenn., and F. T. Hunter, Waterproof, La., whom we now take pleasure in introducing to the brothers of  $\Sigma A E$ .

We have mapped out our plans for the coming year, and the future promises something good for  $\Sigma A E$  here. At the beginning of next session we expect to be in a chapter-house and prepared for an active and progressive campaign. Every man at present in



the chapter hopes to return, and we have several new men "beautifully spotted."

Pretty soon the summer season will be here, and no doubt many Sigs will be speeding here and there in quest of rest and recreation. If your route leads *via* Nashville, be sure to call on us, and don't forget that "our latch-string is always on the outside" to our brothers.

Fraternally yours,

M. E. HOLDERNESS.

**Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.**

Since the last issue of THE RECORD life for chapter Kappa has been very pleasant, but not specially eventful.

We take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity Philip H. Cornick, of Knickerbocker, Texas, his name having been unintentionally omitted in the last letter. The chapter has seventeen men on its roll now, and it is probable that a large part of the number will return; so we have reason to look forward with considerable hope to next year.

Baseball is the all absorbing interest at the University of Tennessee now, as is probably the case throughout all college communities. The chapter is well represented in the work, for, in addition to one of our men being manager of the team, Brothers Newman and Herring hold the important positions of pitcher and center field. Brother Newman is also captain. Thus far the work of the team has been very successful, and it is to be hoped that its good fortune will continue.

On Founders' Day the active members of the chapter held a banquet at the Hotel Imperial; a fine menu was served, and on its conclusion a few toasts and responses, which we deemed appropriate to the occasion, were made, with Brother T. R. Cornick acting as the toast-master.

Recently the Σ A E Tennis Club was organized and the following officers elected: C. M. Heiskell, president; C. F. Anderson, vice-president; G. D. Raine, secretary and treasurer, and H. F. Herring, manager of grounds. Considerable interest is taken in the sport by our members.

With best wishes to every chapter and member of Σ A E, I am,  
Fraternally yours,

ALBERT T. SUMMEY.

**Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.**

We feel it our first duty to extend a hearty greeting to Kentucky Epsilon and to assure our new chapter that she has the best wishes of Tennessee Omega.

At the opening of the present term, after our winter vacation, we came together again with fifteen active men and have since initiated two others, Brothers Cameron and Smith. Brother Smith has had three brothers in our chapter, all enthusiastic and loyal members of  $\Sigma A E$ .

In college honors Tennessee Omega has received a goodly share.

With best wishes to the other chapters,

Fraternally yours,

J. C. JAMES.

#### **Tennessee Eta, Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson.**

Tennessee Eta is still in the push in spite of the spring fever and the other fraternities.

Another Commencement with its good-byes, separations, and sweeping changes is rapidly approaching. Eta will suffer a heavy loss of men and will have some vigorous hustling to do during the first days of the fall semester in order to hold her own as she has always done, and we are glad to say we have just the ones who can face every obstacle with a smile and can mount any hill of discouragement and place the flag of Sigdom where at our university it is always found—at the top!

On March 9th, we celebrated Founders' Day in grand style. The chapter, accompanied by the mayor of the city and other prominent alumni, took a glorious tally-ho ride. Through the principal streets the route led, and the heart of the city resounded with the well-known "Phi Alpha Alicazee," and cheers for  $\Sigma A E$ . The city was captured; enthusiasm was kindled to a white heat.

Starting in the fall with a force of eight men, we have initiated up to date only six men. We had the misfortune to lose five of these men from various causes. We are not discouraged, however, but are moving on in the bonds of fraternal zeal.

We have been expecting our province president, Brother Gamble, to make us a visit, and are looking forward with great pleasure to his coming.

We take this opportunity to present to you, Brother G. T. Scott of Germantown, Tenn. In the line of graduation we have only one to make mention, W. J. Evans of Jackson, Tennessee. We are looking to him to take the honors that his predecessors have taken. W. L. Medlin and E. C. MacNatt will represent us on the June program.

We should thank any who know of new students coming to this school next year, who seem to be good material for  $\Sigma A E$ , to write us in advance. With best wishes for all Sigdom,

Fraternally

**Alabama Mu, University of Alabama, University.**

Our Founders' Day celebration came just after our last letter was forwarded to *THE RECORD*, so an account of it was postponed till this time.

The banquet was served by the leading caterer of Tuscaloosa, and we all did full justice to the good things set before us. After the more substantial portion of the feast was disposed of, cigars were passed, and with Brother P. B. Smith as toast-master, the following toasts were given:

"Our Fraternity"	J. W. Stickney
"The Ladies"	C. M. Plowman
"Our Duty to the Fraternity"	L. G. Smith
"The Ideal Chapter"	J. O. Ely
"The Future of Mu"	W. A. McCreary
"Good night"	P. B. Smith

Baseball is the all-absorbing theme with us now. The university team with Powe, captain and third base, Plowman, shortstop, and McCreary, left field, has just taken "three straight" from the University of Mississippi, and the playing of our men had a great deal to do with the result. We will be well represented on the different class teams, but as they have not been definitely chosen I cannot give names and places.

We will lose some of our best men this commencement, but will have about twenty to start with next year, so we feel that we will be able to hold our own in spite of the loss.

With best wishes to the other chapters.

Fraternally,  
R. I. LITTLE.

**Alabama Iota, Southern University, Greensboro.**

In this letter I have the pleasure of recording the "Stag Banquet," held on March 8th, commemorating Founders' Day. The banquet was held at the home of Brother L. J. Lawson, Jr., '00. The toasts were all good; the chief subjects discussed being "Our Founders," and "The Chapter-house." Several of the local alumni were present; also Brother F. A. Gamble, at present of Alabama Mu. We can safely say that the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and every one went away with more love in his heart for the cause of  $\Sigma A E$ .

As I said in my last letter, I will give some of the honors taken by our members during this season. At the opening of the session Childers was elected associate editor of the Southern University monthly, the college magazine, and Gamble was one of the chal-

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lenge debaters. Childers has also been elected Anniversar from the Belles-Lettres Society, and Junior Speaker for commencement. C. E. Waller, Jr., was also elected Junior Speaker, Howell and Dunlap are both public debaters. Gamble is also Junior Speaker for commencement, and manager of the base team. Dunlap is a member of the team, plays third base, a better one cannot be found in the ranks of amateur ball players.

I am sorry to have to say that Brother A. E. Waller has resigned from college, and will be with us no more this year. He is taking a private course of study at Pass Christian, Miss., but we expect him back with us next session.

We will hold our annual picnic early in May, and our banquet in June, but will refer to these later.

Fraternally yours,

F. K. GAMBLE

### Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.

Alpha-Mu is well represented in all departments of college. In the military department the chapter is represented by the ranking captains, and by four first lieutenants, all our members in the graduating class holding an office. One of the mentioned captains is sure to get the prize sword which is awarded at commencement to the best drilled company. Battalion and company medals are awarded to the best drilled men respectively in battalion and companies. A band medal is also given to the musician who has been most regular in attendance and shown greatest improvement. The chapter attained most of the military honor at last commencement, and expects to sustain its reputation in June.

Socially the chapter is very active this year. Hudnall is leader of the Freshman German Club; Johnson has been given the same honor in the Sophomore German Club; Hood is secretary and treasurer of the Junior German Club; Moore is the leader of the same. A. C. Cameron is secretary of the Senior German Club; Kelley is treasurer.

A new feature of commencement this year will be a dance given by the chapter. In this respect Alpha-Mu takes the lead, being the first commencement dance given under the auspices of a fraternity. Representatives from the other fraternities in college will be invited to attend in order not to seem too exclusive. During the dance light refreshments will be served, and some of the occasion will be given out.

Nixon is editor-in-chief of the "Glomerate," the college annual. Brother Nixon's especial fitness for the post, both from a literary and artistic standpoint, assures the success of the annual.

W. J. Cameron has been elected business manager of the football team of 1900, and as such will put forth his best efforts to secure its success.

Another feature of our college life is the minstrels. Nearly all the chapter is represented. Brothers Nixon and Illges are managers.

The chapter will lose seven members from graduation, but will still have a band of enthusiastic workers around which to rally in the opening of the fall term.

With best wishes to sister chapters, I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. W. BOYD.

### PROVINCE ZETA.

#### Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri, Columbia.

The University of Missouri is now to be classed among the universities having an attendance of one thousand students. With the increase in enrollment, the university has made an important change regarding the degrees to be given after the present year. The A.B. and B.S. degrees will be offered—the B.L. degree will be discarded. The two courses require 120 hours for graduation. The required work will be two years' work in four subjects and four years' work in a fifth subject. This leaves 48 hours elective, which is very liberal in comparison with the electives of the past system. The entrance requirements have been advanced to the standard of the higher universities.

Missouri Alpha has adopted a new system of chapter-house management. It consists of a Board of Control of three persons who audit accounts at the end of each week and report the financial standing. A commissary does the buying in person. The scheme is very successful, and we are assured that a debt will not be hanging over us at the end of the year.

The committee on chapter-house has been hard at work. The reports are so promising that we expect soon to have a chapter-house owned by the Σ A E Chapter-House Club, which is now an incorporated body.

We have lost the association of two members since our last report. Brother W. C. Lucas, one of our hardest working and most enthusiastic members, married a Σ A E sister, Miss Margarete Dorsey, of Columbia, on January 18th, 1900. Brother Lucas is now living in town and will take his degree this spring.

Brother Quinlan was obliged to leave school because of sickness. He is restored to health, but will not be with us till next year.

Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon is very proud of itself in being able to secure one of the nicest and best located houses in town for a chapter-house. This is the first house that has ever been obtained by any of the fraternities in the university. The closing months of the present school year find Alpha-Upsilon in excellent condition in every other respect.

Every one that attended the  $\Sigma A E$  dance of the 20th of April had a good time. We are well represented on the university baseball team this year; Brother Stephens, captain, Brother Simms, catcher, and Brother Vincenheller, third base.

We lose by graduation this year three of our strongest men, Lyford Homer, Ben Moore and Edgar Brown. We sincerely mourn the loss of these our oldest members.

With best wishes to our sister chapters for a happy vacation,  
Fraternally yours,

Fritz I. Brown.

#### PROVINCE ETA.

##### Colorado Zeta, University of Denver, University Park.

The hush of spring vacation is on the college halls at this writing, but the life and work of the final term will soon begin in earnest. The outlook was never brighter for the university. Chancellor Buchtel is proving himself nobly equal to the burdens he assumed, and the financial cloud sees its speedy dissipation in him. It were hard to find a man better fitted in all regards to his place.

$\Sigma A E$  at the University of Denver is still vigorous. A delightful reception by the  $\Pi B \Phi$  Sorority at their lodge and a neighboring home will linger long among our choicest memories of social events. The ladies are peerless entertainers.

The annual fraternity banquet at the Windsor Hotel was one of those deeply enjoyable affairs that prove how really strong and close are the bonds that unite us. A number of alumni gathered about the board with us—Brothers Ellis of Wray, Colorado, Rader of Leadville, Graff, Deardorf and Western of Denver, and it was late when we separated with songs for "dear old  $\Sigma A E$ ."

We chronicle with regret the loss of Brother W. C. Williams, who is on the staff of a Denver daily, but his irrepressible fraternity enthusiasm brings him still in frequent touch with us.

We shall lose by graduation this year two very strong men, Brothers E. R. Edgerton and F. L. L. Hiller. The service of each to the fraternity has been strong and faithful. Brother Hiller may be with us next year in one of the professional schools. Several of our old men will be back next year, and with a few pledges

**Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.**

Our work this year has been almost phenomenal. When school opened in the fall there were but five old men back. Since that time we have initiated fourteen men. In addition we have two good pledges and several prospectives, some of whom are in the university and who may become good Sig Alphas before June.

We have been somewhat unfortunate in losing four men. Lyle returned to his home in Wahoo, Headrick went to Omaha to attend business school, Baldwin to Denver to work, and Kenny to the mountains for his health.

Nevertheless, we maintain a pleasant and comfortable house, with a culinary department, and, considering the fact that we are almost entirely new men, rank with anything in school. We have given several smokers and card parties, sleigh rides and dances since the holidays. On the evening of Founders' Day, we sat down to a banquet in the ordinary of Hotel Lindel—twenty-eight men—and a royal time we had too. A number of our alumni from Omaha, Wahoo, Beatrice and York added to the enjoyment of the occasion. We expect to end the year with a large dance down town.

Brother Killian was master of ceremonies at both the Sophomore and Company B hops. He is also a member of the Junior Annual Board for next year. Brother Klinge was on the Junior Prom. committee. He is first sergeant of Company A, University Battalion. Brothers Dew and DePutron are candidates for the baseball team and are certain of places. The team is chosen next week.

We do not lose any men by graduation this year, so that we look forward to next year as the strongest in the history of Nebraska Lambda-Pi. Including two honorary frats. and five sororities there is a total of twenty fraternities here. This makes us all hustle, but there is plenty of good material and plenty of frat. spirit.

Our frat. house is commodious, and any weary Sig who may happen into Lincoln will favor us by remembering 643 South Eleventh street. The latch-string is always outside the door.

With fraternal greeting to all chapters,

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE PORTER SHIDLER.

**Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.**

Since our last number of THE RECORD one of our most enthusiastic members, Brother Foster, had to leave us on account of sickness, but is improving very rapidly, and thinks he will be able to attend our commencement ball in June.

are all very glad to hear that he has decided to enter the university again in the fall.

The university has been added to during the year, so that now we have room for many more students. The Memorial Church, erected by Mrs. Stanford to the memory of her husband, is beginning to take on its form. Like our other buildings it is being built of grey stone. The inside will be finished in the same stone with smooth finish. When completed this will be one of the finest university chapels in the country.

Faternally,

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**California Beta, University of California, Berkeley.**

The closing term finds California Beta busily engaged in locating good men for next year's rushing. We lose six men by graduation and feel the importance of finding, early, desirable men to fill their places. We look forward to returning with thirteen men as active members and one pledged man.

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**PROVINCE THETA.**

**Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.**

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to be initiated at the beginning of the year we shall be ready for aggressive work along all lines.

Our men are in very close "fraternal" relations with two tennis courts, and are showing the proper spirit.

Colorado entertains the Interstate Oratorical Contest this year in May, and all visiting Sigs are earnestly invited to make themselves known. We hope to impress them with Denver's air and spirit so forcibly that nothing can keep the  $\Sigma A E$  convention of 1902 away.

Fraternally,

ARTHUR E. SPENCER.

#### **California Alpha, Leland Stanford Jr. University, Palo Alto.**

We all look back upon this college year, about the close, as one of the most successful for our chapter. Throughout the year we have had a membership numbering twenty-one, and have not lost a man.

Socially we have not been more active than in former years. Beside the few informal dances given, we gave our annual hop on February 9th, this being our only large dance. Our house was very prettily decorated with yacht flags and flowers. The large porch, canvassed in, seemed to be very attractive; it was fixed up with palms, divans, dark corners, etc. We turned over our house that night to the young ladies from San Francisco and their chaperons. Several of our alumni and members of California Beta were with us. Fortunately the distance between San Francisco and Stanford is not great enough to prevent our seeing them frequently.

On March 10th our two California chapters held their annual banquet at the California Hotel in San Francisco. Nearly all the active members from the two chapters were present, and quite a number of our alumni. Needless to say this was a very successful affair. On this occasion our alumni took steps towards the formation of an Alumni Association. This will help greatly to forward the cause of  $\Sigma A E$  on the coast. The following officers were elected at their meeting: President, Harry J. Cox, California Alpha; vice-president, Vance Osmont, California Beta, and secretary and treasurer, Louis S. Beedy, '93, California Alpha.

We were very agreeably surprised by visits from Brother Schlaacks, formerly of this chapter, who passed through San Francisco on his way to Mexico, and Brother Fryer, of Colorado Chi, who is at present in business in San Francisco.

We are having extra rooms put in on our third floor and will now have plenty of room to "bunk" any Sig who may chance to come our way. Brother Geissler, '02, who has been working in a mine at Grass Valley, California, visited us a few days ago. We

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several interesting little talks on different topics by some of the members. We have had the best of harmony and spirit this year, and we feel that we are becoming stronger each day.

Our long looked for hall is at last something more than a flimsy dream, and actual work will begin at once. And right here let us say that it will certainly do us credit. For years the highest ambition of Epsilon has been to possess its own hall, and to that end the chapter has worked strenuously. The building is to be modeled on the colonial style. It will be composed of three rooms; one for meeting purposes, a property room and an anteroom. The windows will have glasses in the fraternity colors—old gold and purple.

The Louisiana State University has been decidedly prosperous this year, having the largest enrollment in its history. Additional class rooms and dormitories are needed, and we hope the legislature will appropriate liberally for our maintenance. Many buildings are needed for the advancement of our university, but the factor preeminent in its future success is endowment. This deficiency will no doubt be supplied by the coming General Assembly.

Brother Geo. B. Lesueur has resigned as manager of the baseball team and Brother H. F. Aby has been elected in his stead. Brothers Lesueur, Harrison and Schwing have been playing regularly with the varsity.

Brother H. F. Aby has won the distinction of representing L. S. U. in the annual contest of the Gulf States Intercollegiate Oratorical Association to be held in Baton Rouge in the near future.

STANLEY A. MILLER.

#### **Texas Rho, University of Texas, Austin.**

College life, as usual at this time of the term, is very quiet with us; nothing attracting more interest than the daily practice of our baseball team. But to the candidates for positions things are indeed rushing. Last season the University of Texas boys were not defeated by a single one of the several teams against which they played, and there is no question but that we shall have a much stronger team this season. Naturally, things should be rushing for the candidates of what promises to be the fastest team in the South.

The colors of the university, which have been a vexatious question among us for the past three years, have at last been permanently adopted. With the assistance of the alumni, the students chose orange and white.

The great dam across the Colorado river, which was not only the pride of Austin but of Texas, has recently been swept away by an unprecedented rise of water. This means a total destruction of property running into the millions. The shock to the community cannot be properly appreciated by any except those who are acquainted with the existing conditions. However, there is lots of energy yet left in the people of Austin, and we predict that in not a great while the dam will be reconstructed.

The convention of Province Theta will be held here on the third and fourth of May.

Fraternally,

J. P. SMITH.

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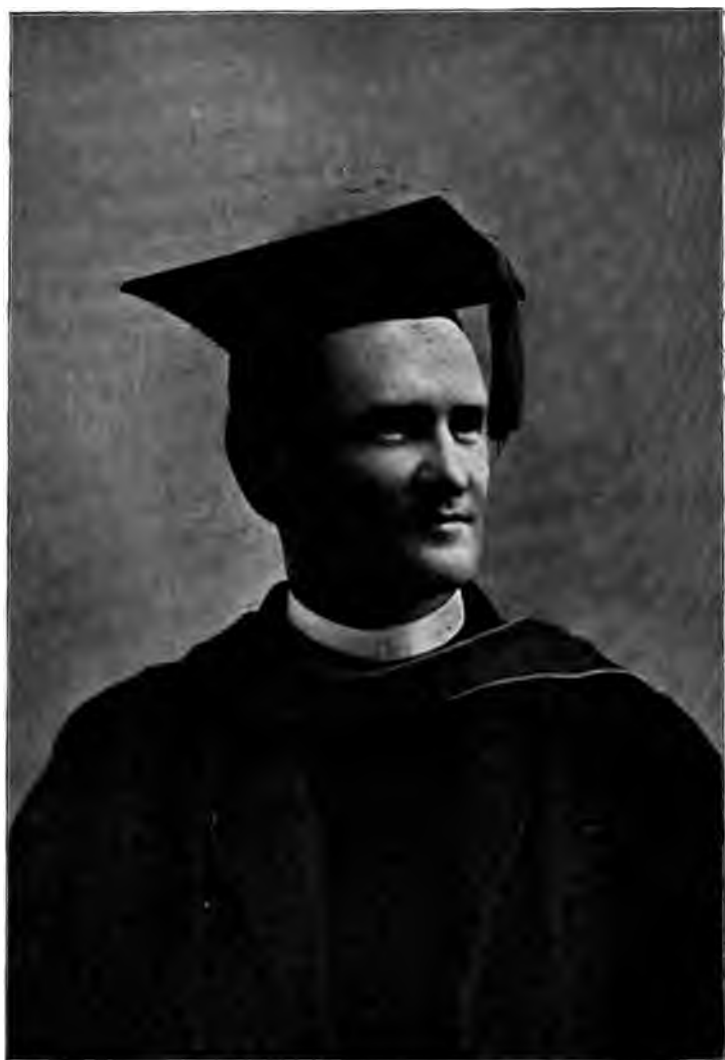
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WILLIAM ALEXANDER GUERRY.

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## WILLIAM ALEXANDER GUERRY.

There is a closet in the old chapter-house here at Seawanee filled with papers that take us back a decade or so, and recount the deeds of her loyal sons when Tennessee Omega was Grand Chapter. Again and again the name of William Alexander Guerry appears, and it is evident that his influence was not alone felt in the chapter, but also in the fraternity at large, at a most critical period of our history. The vexed question of northern extension was solved while he presided over the fraternity as Eminent Grand Archon.

Not that we Sigs are sticklers for blue blood, but because the quality of a man's blood is still always investigated in a southern chapter, it may be well to state that Guerry is no new name in South Carolina. His father, Legrand Felder Guerry, is a minister of the Episcopal church, and was located in Clarendon county at the birth of our brother in 1861. He was prepared for college at Dr. Porter's school, Charleston. In 1881 he entered the University of the South, and was initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon on August 20th of the same

John for five years. While in Florence he married Miss McBee, of Lincolnton. In 1893 he returned to the University as chaplain and professor of homiletics in the theological department. Acting in this double capacity he has remained at Sewanee, and has endeared himself to all those who are interested in the institution.

As a student of the University, he reflected honor upon himself, his chapter and his University. He twice successfully represented his University in intercollegiate oratorical contests. He was winner of the Greek Medal in 1884, and the Essay Cup in 1885. His fellow students made him editor-in-chief of *Cap and Gown* in 1884, and twice elected him to the presidency of the Pi-Omega Literary Society.

It would seem from the honors enumerated above that there was no limit to his energy, but, busy as he was, he was not the man to neglect his fraternity. On the contrary, no Sig ever displayed more intelligent and persistent devotion than he did at this time. We find him at the Augusta convention in 1882 winning the orator's medal. At this convention Tennessee Omega was made Grand Chapter, and W. A. Guerry was appointed E. G. A. The fraternity has never been blessed with a more energetic head or an abler editor of THE RECORD, for at this time THE RECORD was edited by the E. G. A. In 1884 he attended the Athens convention as essayist, and it was about this time that he did his work on the *Ritual*, for which we have tried to express our appreciation in the past, and still freely admit our obligation.

Soon after this his official connection with the fraternity ceased, but he has ever proved the wisest counselor and warmest friend to the boys of Tennessee Omega. Tennessee Omega and the fraternity have a

right to be proud of their loyal son and rejoice in his success, realizing that as he was a power in the fraternity, so he is becoming a power in the church.

Mr. Guerry seems to have consecrated his life to the interests of the University and the cause of education in the South, having refused the most flattering and repeated calls from important parishes all over the South and West, but his love for Sewanee cannot exceed the love of the student-body for him. In the mind of the student of the University of the South the open door of the rectory will ever recall the true hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Guerry.

In closing, the historical sketch of our beloved founder, Noble DeVotie, which appeared in the catalogue of 1886, must be mentioned. Brother Guerry told me some months ago that he met with almost insurmountable obstacles in obtaining accurate details of Noble DeVotie's life. Certain it is that his sketch will be treasured among the most inspiring records of our loved fraternity. We confidently predict that it will be said of William Alexander Guerry, as he himself said of Noble DeVotie: "He will ever live in the memory of those who knew him; and with those who knew him not, the beneficial effects of his brilliant and useful life will be long felt in the steps for good which he set on foot and carried to a successful issue."

G. HENDREE HARRISON.

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#### COLLEGE FRATERNITIES AND THEIR IMPORTANCE.

The following article, by O. B. Andrews, a former member of the Alabama Alpha-Mu chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, appeared in the *Atlanta Constitution* of August 20, 1900:

The American college fraternity, although not quite a hundred years old, has within the past few years sprung into great promi-



nence. In fact, nearly every college in the United States of importance is now the home of a local chapter of a society. In this article the writer endeavors to define the purpose and objects of these associations as a whole. Aside from this he gives their comparative standings in their various capacities. However, do not expect all of these statements to be absolutely correct, for all of the Greek letter brotherhoods being more or less secret, it is impossible to be positively accurate in every detail. Nevertheless, the table which is given is the latest one, and the writer can vouch for its accuracy to a certain extent, as the information gained was from members of each of the various communities. We shall mainly discuss the principal sodalities, or those which have a governing head and chapter in more than one college.

TABLE THAT PRESENTS INTERESTING FIGURES.

General Fraternities.	Present Total Membership, 1960.	Present number Active Members.	Active Chapters	Where Founded	When.
Kappa Alpha.....	1,395	106	9	Union College.....	1825
Sigma Phi.....	1,900	120	7	Union College.....	1827
Delta Phi.....	2,928	.....	12	Union College.....	1827
Alpha Delta Phi.....	8,342	538	23	Hamilton College.....	1832
Psi Upsilon.....	8,602	532	22	Union College.....	1833
Delta Upsilon.....	7,321	642	34	Williams College.....	1834
Beta Theta Pi.....	11,393	1,083	58	Miami University....	1839
Chi Psi.....	3,658	279	18	Union College.....	1841
Delta Kappa Epsilon	13,127	654	37	Yale.....	1844
Zeta Psi.....	4,850	377	21	New York University	1847
Delta Psi.....	2,989	178	9	Columbia.....	1847
Theta Delta Chi.....	3,825	.....	21	Union College.....	1847
Phi Gamma Delta.....	7,500	575	48	Jefferson College.....	1848
Phi Delta Theta.....	9,571	1,028	63	Miami University....	1848
Phi Kappa Sigma.....	2,153	.....	13	University of Penn....	1850
Phi Kappa Psi.....	7,593	617	39	Jefferson College....	1852
Chi Psi.....	4,500	218	19	Princeton.....	1854
Sigma Chi.....	6,678	616	51	Miami University....	1855
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	7,021	986	56	University of Alabama	1856
Delta Tau Delta.....	5,780	520	40	Bethany College.....	1860
Alpha Tau Omega....	4,484	690	42	Virginia Military Inst.	1865
Kappa Alpha (Sou)...	3,938	481	42	Washington and Lee...	1865
Kappa Sigma.....	3,600	701	49	University of Virginia	1867
Pi Kappa Alpha.....	1,067	.....	13	University of Virginia	1868
Sigma Nu.....	3,050	566	37	Virginia Military Inst.	1869
Phi Sigma Kappa.....	566	154	11	Massachusetts Agr. Col	1873
Phi Phi Phi.....	.....	77	4	Austin College.....	1894
Alpha Chi Rho.....	77	56	3	Trinity College.....	1895
Mu Pi Lambda.....	116	71	4	Washington and Lee...	1895

Those mystic bodies occupy a unique position in our colleges, inasmuch as they maintain order to a certain extent without being directly connected with the governing powers of the institution. There has been much discussion of late concerning these organizations. Some rather narrow-minded people have even gone so far as to state that they are positively detrimental to the welfare of our universities. Such statements as these are caused either by sheer ignorance or unwarranted prejudice; for any one well versed in their doctrine would certainly know that they are towards elevating the morals and placing the student on a higher plane, rather than corrupting him and injuring the college. The only things the anti-fraternities maintain their opinions on are: First, they say fraternities affect the morals; second, because they are secret, and secret organizations, they say, tend to promote discord; and, third, they affect college politics.

Mr. Baird, in his work on college fraternities, says that the anti-fraternitists are of three classes: First, those who are not members of them, and consequently not well versed in their doctrines; secondly, college officers who think some evil defects exist due to the fraternity system; and, thirdly, those who have never attended fraternity colleges and think them evil because they are so-called "secret societies." Under the latter head might also be classed those who have attended, and have never been asked to join; and, still worse, those who have joined and have been expelled because they were unworthy of their beneficial influences.

In a few words it can be shown that these college men's clans are good organizations, and are of great value to our colleges. Just because they are secret does not signify that they are evil. If that is the case why is it that, instead of existing for hundreds of years, the Masons were not crushed to the wall in their infancy? The fraternities have their secret rituals and pins: the former very sacred and beautiful; the latter proudly worn by the members, who are always ready to resent any slur cast upon them. It is very seldom you find a Greek letter man who says the secrets are anything but pure and simple. Many of our college presidents are fraternity men, and are proud of the fact. Does this tend to show that they are detrimental to colleges? Why is it that such men as Presidents Garfield, Harrison, Cleveland and McKinley are proud of their being members of Greek letter organizations? If they were harmful do you think that these men would for an instant tolerate them, and cherish none but the tenderest feelings towards them?

Mr. Maxwell, in his "Greek Letter Men in New York," defines the fraternity thus: "Our fraternity is neither a religious body nor a political organization. It is neither a scheme for the

relief of the poor nor a substitute for life insurance. It advocates no special creed, neither does it seek to influence legislation. It does not deliver to its members homilies dealing with the effects of rags, neither does it ask them to support the families of their deceased brothers. It is not even a social organization in the accepted sense of that term. It is the most simple, the most unobtrusive, the least ostentatious, and, when its purpose is properly carried out, the most beneficial order in my knowledge." We can make no improvement on this definition.

The American fraternities are original, there being nothing in any of the European colleges similar to them. The Germans have the Corps and the Burschenschaften, but they are only local. The former is composed of the wealthier class of students; the latter of the more unpretentious. The English colleges have nothing which compare with our fraternities.

These secret clans all more or less have great men numbered among their alumni, of which fact they are proud, and are glad to mention the names in connection with the order. Space would not permit me to enumerate the names of all these famous men; but just to show what a great number there are, it will not be out of place to mention a few. Some of the prominent members of Sigma Phi are Secretary of War Elihu Root and late Secretary of Treasury Charles J. Folger; Delta Phi, Colonel Charles King and Colonel John Jacob Astor; Delta Upsilon, the late President Garfield and Secretary of War Redford Proctor and Daniel S. Lamont; Chi Psi, Chief Justice Fuller of the United States Supreme Court and the late Mr. Astor; Delta Kappa Epsilon, Secretary of the Navy John D. Long and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt; Theta Delta Chi, Hon. John Hay and Hon. Melville Hanna; Phi Gamma Delta, Gen. Lew Wallace and Edward Eggleston; Phi Delta Theta, ex-President Harrison; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, President McKinley and Hon. William Lyne Wilson, and Sigma Chi, ex-President Cleveland. This list does not approach even a small fraction of the number of distinguished Greek letter men; however, it will tend to show that they are recognized as good organizations by our most prominent men.

Some fraternities are much larger than others, but they all work for the same end. A student sometimes prefers a national order to a sectional one, and *vice versa*, but no matter what his preference he will very rarely regret his choice, for he soon becomes too much involved in the welfare of his own brotherhood to pay much attention to the rest, only in a general way. A large chapter and membership roll does not necessitate a superiority over a smaller chapter and membership roll, nor does it tend to show that it would be inferior, because there are many ways of judging Greek

brotherhoods. However, the code of rules which one person would set forth to judge might not suit another; for instance, you might favor a small chapter and membership roll, and some one else might be partial to a large one; you might prefer a sectional order, and he might favor a national one. So thus it is, we do not all agree as to marks of distinction, and, fortunately, there are fraternities for our different beliefs. There is one point upon which we are all unanimous, and that is, a fraternity with an average number of strong chapters is superior to a fraternity with an equal number of chapters the majority of which are weak.

The increase in the number of chapter-houses, and also of the number of members, in the last ten years has been marvelous, most fraternities having gained anywhere from 100 to 385 per cent. in membership—New York alone now being the home of thousands of Greek letter men.

The pins are all more or less elaborate, some of them being gorgeous, costing hundreds of dollars. This is another point upon which the anti-fraternity men make a stand: they hold that these pins incur unnecessary expense upon the student. True, if a student is inclined to be extravagant, and buys several costly pins. However, isn't it better for him to squander his money on these pins than to spend it on whiskey and cigarettes? If a student is inclined to be a spendthrift, joining a secret organization will not increase his extravagance. It is very seldom that the owner of a pin gets to wear it for a great length of time, because he usually turns it over to some fascinating girl to "keep" for him. This is indeed a pretty custom, and there are many young girls equally as enthusiastic as the men.

The government of all the fraternities is more or less similar. In some cases the control is left to a grand chapter, which transacts all the business of general importance; but more frequently a council or head, consisting of three to eight men, takes the place of the grand chapter. This council sees that the local chapters pay their dues promptly; they also publish journals and magazines, and in some instances they are given the power of granting charters. Most of these organizations prohibit their members from joining any other Greek order. However, most all general fraternities allow their members to join professional Greek societies. The surplus money left over after paying the grand officers and other general expenses is usually invested in stocks and bonds. All have more or less surplus funds, which, of course, in most instances, are growing larger each year. The constitution and by-laws are very important: the most perfect constitution and by-laws now belong to Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The chapter-house problem is one that has provoked much discussion. Each fraternity has a number of them, but it is generally conceded that Delta Psi has the advantage in chapter-houses. The students spare no expense in the furnishing of these houses, and some of them are exquisitely fitted out from attic to cellar. This branch of student life helps the institution wonderfully, for, without exception, drinking and gambling are prohibited in them; they also reduce the cost of board, as there is no profit to be gained from them. A matron is usually in charge, and sees that the houses are conducted on homelike principles. The number of houses owned by the various fraternities is about 144, while over 220 are leased. Mr. Maxwell, in his "Greek Letter Men of New York," says that the number of chapter-houses and property owned by them aggregates not less than \$2,500,000. Most of the active members are devoted to their orders, and they will think twice before doing anything in these houses which will bring shame and sorrow upon the fraternity which they love and cherish. Southey says: "With what terms of respect knaves and sots will speak of their own fraternity!" Without a doubt the chapter-house problem is the most important one under discussion to-day. It is even more important than that of expansion, for the preference is liable to be shown to the order which has a home for its members. A great many provisions are being made for chapter-houses. Sigma Chi, for instance, has an endowment fund. This is a voluntary subscription from the alumni, which draws interest for a certain number of years: this interest is used for the purpose of helping chapters erect houses.

Local chapters have their own methods for erecting homes. For example, a chapter of a fraternity which I know has each graduating alumnus to pledge himself to pay \$5 a year for five years after graduation. How well this plan is succeeding is demonstrated by the fact that this chapter bids fair in a short while to erect a house.

Another prominent feature is the magazine. Nearly every society has a magazine, which serves to keep the various chapter in touch with each other. This is usually a book or pamphlet published monthly or quarterly by a member paid to edit it. Besides this there is sometimes a secret bulletin for members, in which only items of vital importance are discussed. The secret publications now are those got out by Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, and Phi Delta Theta.

Catalogues are also got out with the names and addresses of all the members. Some are fortunate enough to have song-books which their musically inclined brothers have got out. All of these



MISSOURI BETA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

deserve great credit. Phi Delta Theta has what is thought to be the most complete song-book. Mr. Baird, a member of Beta Theta Pi, has published a book concerning all college Greek orders, and it is a most creditable work. Mr. Maxwell has also got out a book on "Greek Letter Men in New York," containing prints of many of the leading chapter-houses and pins, together with the names of nearly every Greek man in New York.

The alumni associations are also fast becoming important, most brotherhoods having several alumni chapters. Phi Delta Theta heads the list with thirty-eight, followed by Delta Kappa Epsilon with twenty-four. These associations of alumni members are purely social organizations, by which means the alumni keep in touch with the active members. When run on the right principle they can be of great value in pledging men before leaving college. These associations are very numerous in New York, where their good influences are felt more than in any other city. Some of them are in the form of clubs, and have their own homes, in which many of the bachelor members reside. They usually have meetings every month or so, and two or three times a year they give banquets, which are great social enjoyments.

There are a great many locals or class societies, which exist only in one college. The most important ones, however, are those which exist as one chapter organization. They are: Lambda Iota, 1836, and Delta Psi, 1850, at University of Vermont; Kappa Kappa Kappa, 1848, at Dartmouth; Eulexian, 1860, and Kappa Gamma Chi, St Stephen's; the Phi Nu Theta Eclectic Society, at Wesleyan University; Iota Kappa Alpha, 1829, at Trinity College, and Berzilius, 1863, Sigma Delta Chi, 1867, at Yale.

Besides these mentioned there are several legal and medical fraternities which have for their members only law and medical students. These professional bodies do not interfere with the united orders, as a person can be a member of both.

Theta Xi holds a peculiar place by itself. While it has chapters only in scientific schools, it does not allow its members to join any other Greek order. So, in the true sense of the term, it is neither a general nor a professional fraternity, although it is usually classed with the former.

There are several ladies' secret organizations or sororities, which correspond to fraternities. They are found in large mixed colleges, as Cornell and Ann Arbor. There is another kind of sorority which indirectly is attached to the Greek organizations. For instance, let us suppose at a large female college there are a number of girls who favor a certain brotherhood. They then get together and form a society and name it after the favored order. They have their rituals and "grips," which in nowise are con-

nected with the general fraternity, but indirectly do all they can for the aid of their favorites.

The most original ladies' societies and the nearest thing approaching general women fraternities are to be found in the Philomathean and Adelpian Societies at Wesleyan Female College, at Macon, Georgia. The open mottoes of the societies are "Faithful Sisters" and "We live for each other." These societies are "Faithful Sisters," and outstrip the other in college honors. They have rooms in the college building, which are fixed up handsomely and with great taste. These organizations claim to be the oldest women secret orders in America.

Oberlin and Princeton are the only large colleges where fraternities are prohibited. The former have class societies, which are the same thing, and the latter have clubs which own their homes, just as the fraternity does its chapter-house. The University of Michigan supports more fraternities than any other college in the United States, and Cornell comes second. Harvard, University of Wisconsin, University of Pennsylvania and Leland Stanford, Jr., University also have large lists.

O. B. ANDREWS.

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#### THE NEW SUPREME RECORDER.

In choosing Edward Harmon Virgin for the position of Recorder, made vacant by the resignation of Brother Nash, the Supreme Council has secured to the fraternity a man thoroughly competent to meet the demands of that important office. Brother Virgin is a loyal member of the fraternity and has at heart its best interests, and he has shown, what is more important, that he is willing to work hard for it; and being popular with all who know him, he possesses, in addition to his own energy, the rare faculty of being able to get work from others.

Although initiated but three years ago, Brother Virgin has crowded into his brief term of membership many valuable services. In his senior year he was Archon of the Harvard chapter. He found the chapter with a critical year to look forward to, on no very stable basis, handicapped by the loss by graduation of an un-



usually large number of members, and committed to the expenditure of a large sum for running expenses. For a year it had been holding its own merely, making no headway on a discouraging general fraternity debt. Brother Virgin, however, was equal to the emergency. Under his leadership all hands turned to with a will, the membership was built up, the debt cleared completely, and the chapter brought to a condition which was a source of wonder to the alumni. None of the latter who were familiar with the conditions thought that such a rapid advance was possible, and that it was made was due to Brother Virgin's splendid work and to the interest he aroused in those about him.

Virgin was born in Boston, July 13, 1876. He prepared for college at Adams Academy, Quincy, and entered Harvard College in 1895. As a member of the class of 1899 he received the degree of A.B., and the following year he spent at the New York State Library School at Albany. This summer he received the appointment to a desirable position in the cataloguing department of the Harvard University library.

In the fall of 1897, at Auburndale, he was initiated into Massachusetts Gamma chapter. The following spring he was elected Recorder, and for the first half of his senior year he was Archon. In December, 1898 he went as a delegate from his chapter to the National Convention at Nashville, where he served on an important committee, and was one of the speakers at the banquet.

His sojourn at Nashville, and a subsequent trip through the South made him known to a wide circle of fraternity men, all of whom will share the opinion of his associates of Massachusetts Gamma that the Supreme Council has gained a valuable member.

Massachusetts Gamma.

COOPER GAW.

## 'TWIXT GREEK AND BARB.

Every one who was at the Nashville Convention will remember with pleasure William C. Levere, one of the associate editors of THE RECORD. Brother Levere has written an interesting novel on college life at Northwestern University, which holds the unique distinction of being probably the first novel published concerning college fraternities and fraternity life.

The following review is taken from the Chicago *Evening Post*:

"During the present decade, in which fiction founded upon American college life has become popular, the writers invariably have chosen the wealth of college lore surrounding Eastern universities as settings for their stories. The first contribution of this sort of fiction to come from a Western university is a novel 'Twixt Greek and Barb,' by William C. Levere. This is a story of college life at Northwestern University, and to those who have hitherto turned their eyes toward the scholastic temples of the East for romance Mr. Levere's book is a revelation. The story shows that the Western university, with only a half-century of growth, breathes from its oak-shaded campus and stately halls a splendid *bel air*.

The central incident of the plot is the famous Massasoit war which occurred at the university a few years ago when the Greeks, those within the pale of the Greek-letter societies, strove with the nonfraternity men, known in college phraseology as barbarians, or 'barbs,' for supremacy in every line of college endeavor, from scholarship to athletics. Around this fight of the fraternity men and the nonfraternity men are woven many dramatic scenes—a fraternity initiation, a cane rush, a hazing and a college election. In elaborating the plot the writer has taken advantage of a potent factor for romance, found at no other collegiate institution in the country except Northwestern—the college life-saving crew. The cross-purposes of fraternity and friendship ties complicate the plot. The description of a wreck and a circus night in the college town are thrilling. The love scene gives the author an opportunity to picture life in the Woman's hall, the girls' dormitory at Northwestern.

The story has a typical college flavor, and the many stirring scenes have the characteristic swing and dash of university life. The dialogue is excellent in its illustration of the extravagant

idioms and colloquialisms employed by the 'undergrad.' Alumni and underclassmen of Northwestern cannot be otherwise than pleased with this the first volume to bear the crest of the purple, while its interest need by no means be confined to college readers."

The book can be obtained from the publisher, W. S. Lord, Evanston, Ill., for \$1.25, post-paid.

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#### THE YOUNGEST MAYOR IN IOWA.

George Eaton Mattison, of Mechanicsville, Iowa, bears the proud distinction of being the youngest mayor in the Hawkeye State. He wears this distinction with honor, and, figuratively, may be said to have "a gray head on green shoulders," although to return to fact his shoulders are no more green than his head is gray. The citizens of the little Iowa city who elected him as their civic executive last March are highly pleased with his administration and do not regret their choice, although in making it they defeated a man who was old enough to be the grandfather of the successful aspirant. Among those who rejoiced greatly in his election, were the members of Illinois Psi-Omega of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It is only three years since he presided over that chapter, and it was beneath the folds of the purple and gold that Mayor Mattison first took a lesson in guiding the deliberations of an organization.

George Eaton Mattison was born at Clinton, Iowa, September 22, 1875. His early educational training was in the public schools of his native city and in the Clinton High School, from which he was graduated in 1894. During his course in the high school the World's Fair was held in Chicago at which a Youth's Congress was held. The Clinton High School was entitled to one delegate to this convention, and the faculty of that school decided that the delegate should be selected through literary ability. The competition for this honor

took the form of an essay contest, and an essay on "Hypatia" by Mattison won for him the honor of representing his school.



MAYOR GEORGE MATTISON.

It had always been George's ambition to go to college, and the course he took in the high school was arranged with that end in view. After graduating from the high school, he was offered a place as teacher in a country school. Believing the experience would be valuable, he postponed entering college for a year and became a

He has never regretted the year he spent as a teacher. To be at the head of an American country school is a position that in uniqueness of experience is unmatched in the realm of pedagogy. Some of our best American novels furnish graphic pictures of the joys and tribulations of these country schoolmasters, and many of the trials of these heroes of homely fiction were reenacted in the life of the young teacher that year.

When the end of his year came the directors were anxious to secure his services for another year, but George's mind was intent on going to college and in September, 1895, he matriculated at Northwestern University. He was a quiet, modest boy, but of such an agreeable presence and kindly nature that the attention of the fraternity men of the University was soon attracted to him. The boys of Psi-Omega were quick in seeing that George was of Sig-Alph material and they went out after him with a vim.

Mattison spent two years at Northwestern, and during that time was an enthusiastic and loyal member of the chapter. He was popular on the campus and with the fair "co-eds" at Woman's Hall. He was the Evanston representative for the Chicago *Evening Journal* for a time, and later for the Chicago *Morning Record*. At Evanston the position of city correspondent for a Chicago paper is regarded by the students as a place of both honor and profit. It is in truth a desirable and important post and much sought after by the students. Its importance may be seen when it is remembered that these correspondents have as their field a city of 25,000 to cover for news, which, owing to its proximity to Chicago, has no daily papers of its own. It is literally a training-school for reporters for the great dailies of Chicago, and the offices of these papers are full of bright young men who began their newspaper work as Evans-

ton correspondents while they were Northwestern students. In this training-school Psi-Omega has always had more than its quota, and George Mattison was one whose work reflected credit on himself and his chapter.

In the summer of 1897 he accepted the position of city editor of the Clinton *Daily Herald*. He resigned this post in the following January and went to Iowa City, Iowa, where he entered the law department of the University of Iowa. He completed the two years' course there in eighteen months. While a student in the law college he became a member of the professional fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, and was one of the leaders in debate in the Forum Literary Society. During his law course he acted as city editor of the Iowa City *Republican* in the absence of the regular city editor.

In the summer of 1899, soon after he was graduated from the law school, he settled at Mechanicsville, Iowa, where he commenced the practice of law. His old love for newspaper work did not desert him, and he purchased the Mechanicsville *Press*, but his law work grew so rapidly that he was obliged to give up the newspaper field and devote all his time to the precepts of Blackstone. His popularity in Mechanicsville must be great, for he had been a resident of the city but nine months when he was nominated for mayor. His opponent was an old citizen and a veteran of the civil war. The campaign was a red-hot one, and every effort was made to beat the daring young candidate. "Not a property owner," "too young," "inexperienced," were some of the war-cries of the opposition, but their efforts were without avail, and the boy of twenty-four was triumphantly elected.

Six months of his administration have passed and his most vigorous opponents freely concede that his rule has been an ideal one. The novelty of electing so young

a man as mayor has caused his name and fame to go out through the State, and he is now probably the best known as well as the youngest mayor in Iowa.

WILLIAM C. LEVERE.

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#### WATSON B. SELVAGE.

Watson Bartemus Selvage, one of the charter members of New York Sigma-Phi, and well known to all members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon as the editor of our new Manual, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 19, 1873. He prepared for college at Trinity School, New York, and in the fall of 1894 entered St. Stephen's College, at Annandale on Hudson, N. Y., with the class of 1898. In November, 1894, he was initiated into the local society (Sigma-Phi), and when that society was taken into Sigma Alpha Epsilon, he was among those initiated at New York on February 21, 1895.

In the literary and social life of the college Selvage was prominent, in his Junior year being literary editor of the St. Stephen's College *Messenger*, manager of the Junior ball and assistant marshal, and in his Senior year editor-in-chief of the *Messenger* and president of the "Mask and Gown," the dramatic society. After his graduation he taught school for a year at St. Matthew's Military School, and during the last year at Betts Academy. During the coming year he is to teach at the Hackettstown (N. J.) High School.

Brother Selvage has been a very active worker in the fraternity and has been sent as delegate to the St. Louis and Nashville conventions. At the Convention of Beta Province last spring he was chosen president of the Province, but owing to the fact that his home will be outside of the Province he has felt obliged to resign the office.

For some years Brother Selvage has been recognized

as a very able and accurate statistician, a faculty which seems inborn in some men, and when the Nashville convention chose him as the editor of the Manual the choice gave universal satisfaction throughout the frater-





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VERY soon the National Convention for 1900 will be in session, and it is high time that the chapters should make preparations. It is important that each chapter shall select its best man as delegate to the convention. A man who is unwilling to work day and night is out of place at a national convention. So choose your hardest worker and clearest thinker to represent your chapter at Boston. Do not tie your delegate's hands by loading him down with instructions. Choose a man on whose judgment you can rely implicitly, give him your ideas on various subjects to come before the convention, and then let him do as he sees fit. A delegate unhampered by instructions has a great advantage over one not so thoroughly trusted by his chapter.

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

The engagements are announced of William Thomas Hall, Massachusetts Iota-Tau, '95, to Miss Agnes Dunham Allen of Fairhaven, Mass., and of Carl Leon Morgan, Massachusetts Iota-Tau, '99, to Miss May Davenport of Roxbury, Mass.



The following clipping, taken from the Iola (Kan.) *Daily Register*, of May 28, 1900, pays a beautiful tribute to the late John F. Foust, who was one of the four charter members of Pennsylvania Delta chapter in 1883. Owing to ill health, Brother Foust was not able to finish his college course :

LAID TO REST.

The Remains of the Late John Foust Buried—Funeral Largely  
Attended by Friends.

All that was mortal of John F. Foust, whose untimely death Friday afternoon came as a shock to the whole community, was tenderly laid to rest in Iola cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral services at the house were beautiful and impressive. Rev. I. B. Pulliam officiated, with the assistance of Rev. Maclean and Rev. Beatty. The floral offerings were many and handsome, and the funeral cortège was one of the largest which has ever done honor to an Iola citizen. All the lodges of which deceased was a member attended, and business was practically suspended in the city for several hours while the men who knew him gathered at the home and followed the coffin to the grave as a last sad mark of respect to his esteemed memory.

John F. Foust was born at Milton, Pa., in 1866, and lived there during his boyhood and school days. He received a liberal education in the public schools, afterward attending the State Normal at Millersburg, and later the Gettysburg College. He came with his parents to Kansas in 1883, and has resided in Iola since that time. He studied law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar in 1889, becoming a partner at once with his father. He

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reception was held after the ceremony, during which the newly married couple were showered with congratulations and good wishes for their future happiness. Later in the evening a delicious supper was served in the dining-hall. The display of wedding presents was unusually handsome.

Congressman Fleming and his bride left in a private coach for Kingston, and from there continued their wedding journey, which includes a visit to the large western cities. They will be at home after October 18th at the Cairo, in Washington, D. C.



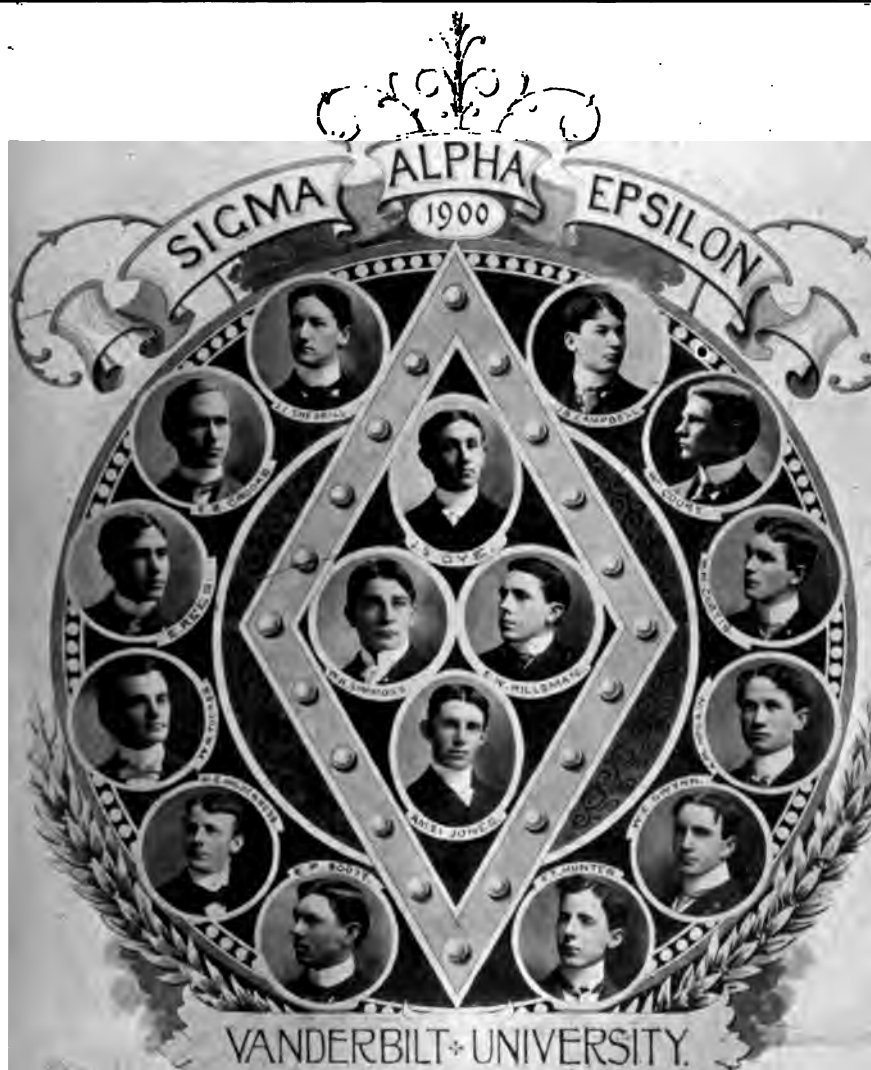
Illinois Psi-Omega furnishes the new instructor in political economy at Northwestern University. John Edward George, '95, Ph.D., the newly appointed instructor in the department of political economy, prepared for college at the Grand Prairie Seminary, Onarga, Ill. He made his major work in political economy and received the Cushing prize. The first year after graduating, Dr. George was vice-principal of Grand Prairie Seminary. He resigned this position to study at Harvard, where he devoted himself to economics. At the end of the first year he was granted a master's degree, an honor unusual in the case of graduates of western colleges. He also held the Robert Treat Paine fellowship for two years, the last of which he spent in study in Europe. In July, 1899, he received his doctor's degree with distinction from the University of Halle, Germany.



Sigma Alpha Epsilon is well represented in the United States army. The following is taken from the *Denver Daily News* of July 20, 1900. Lieutenant Merriam was a member of California Alpha, class of 1901, and is a brother of the correspondent of that chapter :

GENERAL MERRIAM'S SON ORDERED TO CHINA.

A brave son of a brave father is Henry M. Merriam, the 22-year-old son of General Henry C. Merriam, commander of the departments of the Colorado and Missouri of the United States army.



TENNESSEE NU, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

eight of the longest and hardest miles it has ever been my experience to travel. Yet the journey was completed in a day and a half. I tried to keep jolly, and Nature gave me an almost super-human endurance. My reward was that not one of the wounded was any the worse for the journey. On arriving here I was put in temporary charge of the hospital during the major's stay in the south of the island. Upon his return, what was my surprise to find that Major Andrews, a most brave and daring young man of 33, had been made governor of the island and myself put upon the governor's staff."

Dr. Meldrum is now chief surgeon of the island and in charge of the First battalion hospital. He is in his early twenties. He graduated from East Denver High School in 1895, and a few years later from the medical department of the Denver University.



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## MARRIAGES.

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1895, South Carolina Gamma.—William Coleman to Evelyn Coleman, at Warsaw, N. C., 6 June, 1900.

1895, Georgia Phi.—Claude Eugène Buchanan to Corinne Marguerite Swift, at Atlanta, Ga., 5 September, 1900.

1896, Massachusetts Delta.—George Slocumb Gibbs to Jane Myrick, at Jamaica Plain, Mass., 30 August, 1900.

1896, Ohio Sigma.—James J. Armstrong to Cora B. Diver, at Deerfield, Ohio, 12 June, 1900.

1896, Ohio Sigma.—Edgar E. Brosius to Mayme V. Sharer, at Alliance, Ohio, 20 June, 1900.

1897, Massachusetts Gamma.—Edwin Horace Davis to Violet Street, at Dorchester, Mass., 13 June, 1900.

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• 1897, New York Alpha.—Enrique Keutsch Müller to Maud Sullivan, at Ithaca, N. Y., June, 1900.

1898, Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi.—Harry Iverson Huber to Emily McKee Weidler, at Carlisle, Pa., 26 June, 1900.

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## PERSONALS.

## TEXAS RHO, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

George W. Pierce, '98, has been on the corps of guides for the Oubans in the Harvard summer school.

## OHIO THETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Arthur C. Nutt, '97, enters the teaching force of Bates College, Maine, this fall.

## PENNSYLVANIA SIGMA-PHI, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Howard E. Smith, '94, has been attending the Harvard summer school.

## TENNESSEE OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

H. W. Jones, '91, has been studying in the Harvard summer school.

## NORTH CAROLINA XI, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

E. K. Graham has been attending the Harvard summer school.

## MICHIGAN ALPHA, ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Newton E. Swift, '90, is teaching music at 162 Boylston street, Boston, Mass.

## GEORGIA EPSILON, EMORY COLLEGE.

Irvin M. Callaway, '00, of Washington, Ga., is now a book-keeper for the large supply house of K. A. Wilheit in that city.

A. J. Smith, '84, is now in the milling business near Marietta, Ga.

Eugene P. Fortson, '01, has passed his examinations successfully and is now a cadet at the United States Military Academy.

J. Raleigh Patullo, '00, is attending a business college in Atlanta.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

Dr. W. J. Kasten, '85, is now located at No. 1641 Pennsylvania avenue, Baltimore, Md.

F. E. Warren, '86, publisher of the *Quill and Scissors*, a monthly magazine, is living at No. 805 Ninth street, Washington, D. C.

C. H. Osler, '88, is carrying on an extensive mercantile business in Thurmont, Md.

Rev. J. C. Grimes, '93, is located at Orangeville, Pa.

J. T. Povall, '96, is a retailer of boots and shoes at No. 1413 Cambridge street, Cambridgeport, Mass.

Dr. H. M. Becker, '96, has an extensive practice at Sunbury, Pa. His address is No. 416½ Market street.

Dr. C. G. Smith, '97, has located at Lewiston, Pa.

W. E. E. Brown, '99, will attend the Wittenburg (Ohio) Theological Seminary the coming year.

J. G. F. Holston, '01, is a student at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.

#### OHIO SIGMA, MT. UNION COLLEGE.

Rev. L. Morgan Wood, '87, delivered the annual sermon before the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

Rev. George M. Fowles, '96, occupies the pulpit of the Calvary M. E. church in New York.

X. M. Fowler, '95, and John F. Jose, '97, received the degree of M.A. from Mt. Union at the last commencement.

Willis H. Grant, '96, is instructor in mathematics at a school in Pittsburg, Pa.

Ner W. Stroup, '97, W. H. McMasters, '99, and J. H. Price, '00, sailed for Europe on June 25th.

#### ILLINOIS PSI-OMEGA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

James Chapman, '97, has left the *Denver Republican* to enter the Columbia School of Mining at New York.

George Edgerly, '98, is practicing law at Ottumwa, Iowa.

A. R. Jones, '99, is attending the Law School at Bloomington, Illinois.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

G. W. Corrigan, '00, is inspector of masonry for the Union Pacific in Montana.

T. P. Howard, '00, will teach this year in southern Missouri.

W. C. Lucas, '00, will return to the University to study law.

J. W. Pettijohn is a revenue official in St. Louis, Mo.

#### MASSACHUSETTS BETA-UPSILON, BOSTON UNIVERSITY.



Harry H. Armington, '97, is practising law in the office of Lieutenant-Governor Bates, in the Tremont building, Boston.

Fred H. Eaton, '97, is a member of the law firm of Eaton & Chandler, Essex bank building, 296 Essex street, Lawrence, Mass.

Charles O. Engstrom, '97, has his law office in the Sears building, 199 Washington street, Boston.

MASSACHUSETTS IOTA-TAU, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Wallace C. Brackett, '95, is an engineer at the Charlestown office of the Boston Elevated Railway.

Luzerne S. Cowles, '97, is a draughtsman in the employ of the Boston Elevated Railway at 452 Atlantic avenue, Boston.

Carl L. Morgan, '99, is with the New England Electric Vehicle Transportation Co., 541 Tremont street, Boston.

Charles M. Fosdick, '00, has been appointed an assistant instructor for the coming year at the "Tech."

MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA, HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Dr. Charles S. Barrell, '94, has an appointment at the Carney hospital, South Boston.

William R. Buckminster, '94, is practising law at 420 Tremont building, Boston.

George A. Davis, '95, and Edwin H. Davis, '97, are at Barranquilla, Colombia, South America. Their address is Pension Inglesa.

Dr. Frank J. Geib, '95, has finished his work at the Massachusetts General hospital, and is now at his home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Henry F. Knight, '98, is practising law at 50 State street, Boston.

Dr. Charles N. Fiske, '98, assistant surgeon, U. S. N., is with the Fifth corps marines in China.

George A. Nelson, '99, is clerk at the Parker House, Boston.

Edward H. Virgin, '99, has accepted a position at the Harvard University library for the coming year.

Dr. Foster H. Cary, '98, Dr. William H. Rose, '98, and Dr. P. E. Truesdale, '98, have received appointments at the Boston Lying-In hospital.

G. R. Taylor, '99, is with the National Steel Co., in Columbus, Ohio.

C. A. Holbrook, '00, has been appointed sub-master in science and instructor in biology in the Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, N. J.

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S. P. Goddard, '00, has gone into business in St. Louis, Mo.  
E. C. Nixdorf, '00, has gone abroad for study at one of the English universities.

L. H. Brittin, '01, is in the Ansonia bank, Ansonia, Conn.

F. G. Hodskins, '01, is representing the Smith & Wesson Gun Co. at the Paris Exposition.

C. L. Thurston, '01, is on the official staff of the U. S. exhibit at the Paris exposition.

E. H. Douglass, '01, has been on the corps of secretarial guides taking charge of the Cuban school-teachers at the Harvard Summer School.

C. T. Hanson, '01, has been acting as assistant secretary of the Harvard summer school.

### CONNECTICUT ALPHA, TRINITY COLLEGE.

William J. Miller, '92, is assistant master of the Lawrenceville Sem., Groton, Mass.

### NEW YORK ALPHA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Harry Spalding Fish, '01, is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Edwin Lewis Brooks, '00, has passed his bar examination and is practising law at Jamestown, N. Y.

Alexander Webb Plumb, '98, is teaching in the Brinley School, Utica, N. Y.

Herman Lee Meader, '97, is with J. B. Flagg, architect, New York city.

Thomas Hardy Fair, '96, is in the quartermaster department of the Army building in New York city.

George Jacob Krebs, Jr., '95, is manager of the Listie and Manufacturing Co., of Somerset, Pa.

Farley Granger Clarke, '94, is assistant electrical engineer of the Metropolitan Street Railroad Co., New York city.

Charles Craig Starr, '93, is superintendent of the public schools of Seneca, Kansas.

George Flavel Danforth, '90, is librarian of Indiana State University.

### TENNESSEE ZETA, SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

Lewis G. Wilson, '00, will study architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology next session.

A. N. McDonald, '00, has accepted a position in Nashville.

John W. Childress, '99, has a good position with the Bradstreet Agency in Nashville, Tenn.

George D. Booth, '00, is city and telegraph editor of the *Daily Times-Journal*, Clarkesville, Tenn.

Thomas T. Donalson, '00, is in business at Victoria, Texas.

John Jefferson Moore, '00, is studying law at Cumberland University.

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John Willin, '00, is in business at Vanceburg, Ky.

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W. J. Cameron, Jr., '00, is in the insurance business in Birmingham, Ala.



## FRATERNITY NOTES.

The Hanover chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta has resigned its charter.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has built a chapter-house at Stanford University.

The Ohio legislature has appropriated \$200,000 for a new chemistry and physics building at Ohio State University.

The Boston Alumni Association of Phi Kappa Psi was organized last spring with twenty-five active members.

Delta Kappa Epsilon is the first fraternity to build a chapter house at the University of Virginia.

The trustees of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., have removed all restrictions from fraternities at that institution.

Colonel William J. Samford, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Alabama, is an honorary member of Alpha Tau Omega.

The chapter-house of the Pi Beta Phi sorority at Indiana University was destroyed by fire during commencement week.

Kappa Alpha (Southern) is the only Greek letter fraternity which has two chapters in the State of Mississippi, being represented at Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi.

At Allegheny College there are sixty-three women in the collegiate department. Forty-five of these belong to the sororities Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Chi Omega.

Alpha Chi Omega, the musical society, now has nine chapters, three having been established since the 1898 Baird appeared. New branches are at Bucknell, Michigan and Illinois. The society is in its fourth volume.

John G. Wooley, the Prohibition candidate for president of the United States, is an alumnus of the De Pauw chapter of Kappa Psi. John B. Gough, the famous temperance lecturer, is an honorary member of the same chapter.

At Lafayette, the trustees have decided to permit fraternities to erect chapter-houses, provided they have the money in hand necessary to build a \$10,000 house. The site will be given to the trustees, and those who act first will be given first choice of

Epsilon had nineteen members. At Leland Stanford University the average membership was 17.6. Sigma Alpha Epsilon had twenty-one members. At both institutions Delta Upsilon had the largest chapter while Chi Psi had the smallest.

The executive committee of Phi Kappa Psi has resolved that each set of petitioners for a charter, as a condition precedent to obtaining the charter, should be established in a chapter-house at the time of installation, or give satisfactory assurance of their ability to maintain a chapter-house during the future life of the chapter.



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istence in some of the institutions where "horse-play" has led to the most unfortunate results. It is worth considering also, whether the time is not ripe to eliminate a source of criticism that has been a most fertile weapon in the hands of the anti-fraternity enthusiast. A prominent official in an institution in which a serious "horse-play" accident occurred told me that a large number of students were prevented from entering the institution by every such occurrence, and that the death-knell of fraternity life would be struck in that university if another similar accident were to occur.

So I would make a plea that the fraternity meet the entering candidate with the greatest dignity possible with the form of entrance ceremony. The plea is made, first, for the permanent good of all fraternity existence, and, second, for the broad influence of the reception on the entering member in his subsequent fraternity life, and in his relation to his fellow-men.



At the recent Grand Chapter at Philadelphia Sigma Chi adopted some financial legislation which is certainly novel, and which, if it proves practical, should be highly advantageous to the fraternity in more ways than one. The nature of it can best be shown by printing the new rule in its entirety :

(a) SECTION 1. Each active member of the fraternity shall, on or before sixty days of the time when he expects to sever his membership with his chapter, by graduation or otherwise, forward to the Grand Quæstor, through the Chapter Quæstor, his two notes for five dollars each, payable during the first and second Januarys, respectively, next succeeding said severance from his chapter by graduation or otherwise.

SEC. 2. Such notes shall be without interest; shall bear the future address of the member making them; and shall entitle him to all regular publications during the period of two years succeeding such graduation or leaving college. The proceeds of such notes shall be credited, at least one-half to endowment and one-half as provided by statute.

SEC. 3. Such note-givers as shall subsequently become members of other chapters shall be entitled to have the dates of their note payments postponed to the first and second Januarys, respectively, next succeeding their severance from such latter chapter.

(b) Amendment to Statute III., as Section 2.—One-half the proceeds of note payments under Article XIX. of the Constitution shall be used for the support of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

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thought which was given to it, and it is believed that, backed by the present energy and enthusiasm of the fraternity in favor of everything which means financial progress, and our doctrine that financial progress means progress in every direction, the splendid success of this feature of our endowment and national work is assured. Sigma Chi has just reason for pride in the prominence which is given to the fact that it is a strongly organized fraternity, and much of our splendid growth can be traced directly to the thorough organized equipment to which we have attained in financial lines. The writer confidently trusts and believes that among the greatest of our effective means of future progress will be found our new plan of alumni dues.

The writer believes that . . . the splendid endorsement of the delegates at Philadelphia of the alumni dues idea means that that also shall become a successful topstone, as the other [the endowment fund] was the successful foundation of, what Sigma Chis at least regard, the most effective financial system among American college fraternities.



Before leaving this subject we quote the following editorial from the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*:

In the exchange columns is found mention of the system of alumni dues as inaugurated by the Sigma Chi Fraternity. The principle behind this system is the same as that which was in the thought of the delegates to the Philadelphia Convention of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, when it was voted that, as soon as feasible, there should be established a general alumni association for all graduates of colleges for the first five years after leaving the undergraduate chapter, it being expected that these graduates shall pay regular dues to the general Alumni Association for that period, in return for which they shall receive the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*. The thought was that by thus keeping in touch with the fraternity for the first few years, the alumni would grow to feel the necessity of fraternity bonds in later life, and the whole fraternity would thus be strengthened. This idea is worthy of serious consideration, and we hope some time to see its adoption.



In a recent editorial the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta prints the following statistics of the fraternity:

On February 1, 1900, the total membership of the fraternity was 10,487. In the year ending on that day 475 men had been initiated, twenty-eight more than in 1895, when we had five more



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McCune.

Kaewer,  
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Flake,  
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chapters than at present. The number of active members and of Phi students not formally affiliated was 1,148 on February 1. The average number of members in each chapter was 16.5; of initiates, 7.4. Each of these figures breaks the record. Nine chapters were living in houses they owned (ten are to-day), and twenty-one rented homes. Since February, W. & J., Purdue and (just recently) Texas have brought the number of rented houses up to twenty-four and made the total thirty-four. It is now two years since a college charter has been granted or withdrawn. The number of alumni clubs is now thirty-nine; of college chapters, sixty-four. Practically the only unfavorable item in the statistical summary on the last page of the *May Palladium* is that which records the number of degrees taken. Chapter historians are not wholly reliable in their reports on this point, but after due allowance is made for error, the fact is plain that the proportion of those who drop out of college before completing their course is much larger than it was ten years ago. This is not true of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  alone, but is regrettable none the less. One of the important questions to be asked about a new man is always—will he complete his course as a regular student?



Says the *Delta* of Sigma Nu anent the Kappa Kappa Gamma litigation :

We earnestly commend to the Jurisprudence Committee the necessity of close study of the decision of Justice Walter Lloyd Smith in the famous Kappa Kappa Gamma case, reported in this issue. The precedent here established should prompt all fraternities to amend their laws so that they shall have greater jurisdiction over their chapters, and provide themselves with statutory provisions for the peaceful enforcement of Grand Chapter edicts in cases of this kind, which may arise at any time. The "Legal Rights of a Chapter" is the subject of the exhaustive article in the last November *Delta*, Vol. 17-2, pp. 56-72. This should be read first in connection with Judge Smith's decision in this issue.

We confess our sympathies have been in this case with the St. Lawrence chapter, for it was sought to be crushed by mere vanity and caprice. We cannot refrain from quoting from the opinion of Justice Leslie Russell (*Delta* 17-2-p. 63), showing up the flimsy pretext upon which the officers of K. K. G. sought to withdraw the St. Lawrence charter. Says Judge Russell in superlative sarcasm :

"It was not claimed upon the trial that the charges on which the original prosecution of the chapter was founded were ever sustained, nor was proof here offered of the truthfulness of those

accusations. (Listen to the following language that blooms like a perfect lily.—*Ed. Delta.*) On the contrary, so far as the masculine judgment of feminine culture and refinement, limited as it is in the finer lines, can judge of such delicate subjects, from the appearance of the ladies who were witnesses upon the trial, the members of other chapters would need to be of a rare order to justify holding themselves so superior in acquired and natural qualities as to render uncongenial to them the active and alumnae members of Beta Beta chapter "

While congratulating the chapter upon its splendid vindication, triumphing as it has in every court, we urge our own Jurisprudence Committee to take heed lest we be caught napping. Let them at once turn to pages 159-160 of *Delta* 17-2, and secure a convenient summary of the points in the case, and report an amendment to our Law at the Chicago Grand Chapter next October. The *Delta* has given the most exhaustive treatment of the noted controversy, and is gratified, not only with commendation from its exchanges, but feels flattered by having its editorial observations credited to the *New York Law Journal*! The latter has our apology.



What an erroneous idea the non-fraternity girl has in thinking that we suppose she is rushing us, if she makes any friendly advances towards us.

The other day in talking with one of our girls who has recently come into our fraternity, I asked her why she had been so cold and conservative when I tried to be friendly last year, and the same old answer was given me: "I was afraid you would think I was rushing you." This is one reason why there is such a barrier between the fraternity girls and the "barbs"—we are afraid they will think we are rushing them, and *vice versa*. This should not be, and the fraternity idea in college life should not prevent the girls from having just as dear friends among the "barb" girls.

The fraternity girl must go more than half way in making the advances. The "barb" will soon see that you are not "rushing" her and will quickly warm up, making advances towards you. Many a little "barb" around college is lonesome and homesick and needs your sunny "good morning" to cheer her up for the day's work. If you are going home her way, ask her to walk with you, because, nine times out of ten, she will not of her own accord, especially if you are with another fraternity girl.

These are very little things to do, but what a vast difference it is to one little "barb"; she feels that she is really wanted, and there is some one that cares for her. A girl who has been in the fraternity since the beginning of the Freshman year does not real-

ize that these things exist, but take the girl who has been a "barb" for a year or two and she realizes how very thoughtless the fraternity girl is and how uncomfortable she often makes the "barb" feel.

Our fraternity should make us broader, but in how many cases does it make the girls narrower! The fraternity sisters should be nearer and dearer to each other than any one else, yet does that necessitate their being "cliquey" around colleges? It certainly ought not to. *Kappa Alpha Theta.*

This shows a curious state of affairs that must be peculiar to girls' fraternities, if not to the particular chapter about which it was written. Is a barb ever so lonesome and homesick that she craves the sunny "good morning" of the fraternity girl? Is the invitation to walk home with the same fraternity girl such a balm and a solace as the writer of this article imagines? Certainly the quotation affords an interesting commentary on the influence of girls' fraternities on college life.



Kappa Alpha has inaugurated a commendable movement looking toward the erection of a memorial hall at Washington and Lee University, the home of the mother chapter of the fraternity. The founder of the movement is S. Z. Ammen, himself a member of Alpha chapter, and an appeal for funds has been issued. The faculty of the university has given a piece of land on the college campus for a site for the hall. In support of his project Mr. Ammen draws attention to the practical need of such a building, as follows:

"Apart from sentiment, the order needs a building at Lexington, or elsewhere, for the safe-keeping of its archives. The memorials of our earlier history, together with our various publications, chapter supplies and accumulating property of every description, require a permanent home. Till recently, for want of it, we were without a scrap of material for a correct history of the order of the several chapters. Precious documents were lost with each change of our general officers, for want of a known place of deposit. Our present Grand Historian has with infinite labor ac-



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quired a valuable collection of such documents, including our oldest editions of Ritual and Laws, a full file of the *Journal*, minutes of Conventions, catalogues, photographs of members, etc. This collection is unique. If lost it cannot be replaced.

"At present these treasures of the order are kept in the private office of the Grand Historian, at Norfolk, Va. The most precious volumes are secured in an iron safe, the property of the order, while current publications, chapter supplies, etc., fill shelves which the G. H. has had constructed for their accommodation. This provision is, however, but temporary. While Brother Hubbard continues to be our G. H. our records will be kept together and will be safe in his hands, but his successor may not possess like facilities for their safe storage. We have much reason to fear that the progress of scattering and loss will again begin with the next change of general officers, and continue until the results of Brother Hubbard's industry will have perished. A memorial hall at Lexington will prevent such a calamity. One of its rooms may be specially reserved for our 'Library,' the key being under the G. H.'s exclusive control. Such of our members as are aware of the large mass of publications, supplies, etc., already in the G. H.'s care will readily understand the necessity for en-



"Does it pay a graduate to take an active interest in Theta Delta Chi?" What he says is well worth reading, and parallels of the incident he relates might be found any day, and doubtless have been found in our own and all other fraternities. He says :

This question is one which is sometimes asked. It may be remembered that Daniel Webster made an address when the cornerstone of Bunker Hill Monument was laid. In this address he said, in substance, that some persons had asked: "Will it pay to erect a monument commemorating a battle of the Revolutionary war?" His answer was, in effect, this question: "Does anything pay? What is meant by the statement that a thing pays?" He added that he would like to have an idea of payment, in connection with any undertaking of that character, thought out and analyzed.

The writer has heard that some graduates have stated that their connection with our fraternity was an incident of college life; as such it should be classed with matters pertaining to one's Alma Mater, and that it interested them only to a limited degree in after life. It makes no difference how wealthy a man may be in this country, he may, by a series of unfortunate events, be reduced to poverty. In such a case he may find his connection with Theta Delta Chi of material benefit. An illustration of this is to be found in a happening that recently took place in the city of New York. A Theta Delta Chi who left college with brilliant prospects was last month found, almost by accident, by a brother Theta Delt in Stuart's hotel on Broadway, sick, alone and without friends. Had it not been for the brother who found him, and who called upon several members of the Graduate Club and stated the case, thereby raising sufficient funds, that brother might have died and been buried in the Potter's Field. As it was, because the sick man was a Theta Delta Chi, and for that reason only, his bills were paid, his wants were met and he was taken to his friends in an adjoining State where he is now slowly, but it is believed surely, recovering from his almost fatal illness. This is but one of several instances of a like character that have occurred to the personal knowledge of the writer, and he assures any brother who may read these lines that it does "pay" to maintain an active interest in our fraternity.



We take the following from the exchange department of the *Rainbow*:

THE SIGMA ALPHA RECORD for March produces a part of Broth Babcock's article on alumni chapters with the following exception:

On one point, and an important point at that, we must take issue with the writer in the *Rainbow*. He says it is not the highest wisdom to make any and every member of the fraternity residing within the defined limits by that fact a member of the alumni chapter; and that just as there was selection and election in the undergraduate chapter, so there should be in an alumni chapter. This seems to us to be a wrong view of the case. Or a member of the fraternity, always a member (barring expulsion of course), and every fraternity man should, *ipso facto*, be eligible to membership in an alumni organization. The "selection" must be attended to before he is admitted to the fraternity at all.

We do not admit the force of this exception. It is true that "once a member of the fraternity, always a member." But admittance to an alumni chapter makes no difference whatever in man's privileges of membership in the fraternity.

Our own experiences with two of our alumni chapters convince us that selection is necessary if a live chapter is desired.

For many reasons a man may not fit into a local alumni chapter although he is a most worthy Delta. For neither himself nor the chapter would membership under these conditions be wise.

If Sigma Alpha Epsilon has made it a rule to dispense with selection in making up her alumni associations, it would seem that the results were not entirely satisfactory; for in the editorial columns of the same number the fact is bewailed that out of twenty-two associations no more than half that number show signs of life. This is just the evil Delta Tau Delta is trying to avoid; and we consider a careful selection in electing members the most fundamental principle to be observed.

And still we must stick to our original position.

The editor of the *Rainbow* believes that in founding a live alumni organization the fundamental principle to be observed is a careful selection in electing members. Presumably he believes that it is dangerous to lose sight of this principle, but the only danger which he specifies is that a man, although a most worthy fraternity man, may not fit into an alumni chapter.

This there is no gainsaying. Our own experience, however, has been that there is no danger of an alumni association's being overrun with undesirable members.

The difficulty is to get men to join. The alumni association is quite a different thing from the active chapter; it lacks almost entirely the latter's social attractions and prestige-giving qualities. Those who wish to join do so out of love for their fraternity and a desire to keep in touch with old associates, and the man who has these two things at heart is just the sort of man the alumni association wants and wants badly. The man, on the other hand, who does not care about these things, is pretty certain not to join, even though he is asked. In other words, the men who want to join are for that very reason good men to have, while the men who would make poor members—the men who would not "fit into" the associations—do not apply for admittance.

But even if this were not so—even if the danger which the editor of the *Rainbow* specifies were not found to be imaginary—the principle of selection would still be a wrong, if not a dangerous, one to apply. To deny a fraternity man dwelling within the prescribed limits the right of membership in an alumni association would be as unfraternal as for the active chapter, say, at Harvard, to refuse the right of affiliation to the brother who had come to that college from another chapter. It would be just as wrong, and we question whether it would not be just as unconstitutional. The *Rainbow* refers to THE RECORD's complaint about the lack of life in Sigma Alpha Epsilon's alumni associations. Whatever their weaknesses may be, they can in no instance be traced to the policy of extending to all frat men the privilege of membership. We venture to say that the denial of that right would be a greater element of weakness than any that now exists.

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## Chapter Letters.

### PROVINCE ALPHA.

#### **Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston University, Boston.**

All the members, of course, having been off on vacation the last three months, Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon has no active work to report. So, but little can be said to interested Sigs.

The returning brothers, though few in number, we are sure will come back invigorated in body and in spirit to push forward the high aims of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Boston University. And before another RECORD is circulated over the country to the different chapters, Beta-Upsilon will have something to say—something, too, to indicate that there is the proper energy in the surviving brothers.

The graduating class took quite a number of the fellows away—Anderson, who was Eminent Archon with a vengeance; Brown, who has also officiated in the highest seat of honor; Cox, the last, but decidedly not the least, incumbent of the same office; C. B. Humphrey, whose beautiful chirography adorns many pages telling of the doings of our chapter; Allen, whose genial smile will no more throw sunshine on us all; Ford, whose six feet and more will no longer tower over us; and last, the eminent correspondent, who looks one last, longing, lingering glance at this final epistle of his to THE RECORD.

EDWARD C. STONE.

#### **Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.**

When the summer is over our chapter begins to count the men as they return and wonder how many we will have to begin work with. Our hopes this year are to begin with twenty odd members, and as we have already twenty or so men to rush we expect to have a very prosperous year. At present writing we are in the throes of house-cleaning, as we expect to keep the same house which we occupied last year. Our graduates of 1900 are both working hard, F. H. Cooke in Cleveland, Ohio, and C. M. Fosdick in Boston.

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a great deal of lively debate, and as usual came to its end in indefinite postponement. We went so far as to get plans for the house and look up a site, but careful investigation warned us that the move would involve us in serious entanglements. The dormitory system is so well established here, that for a small club, and one not boasting wealth, a well-built and properly managed house is almost out of the question.

One of the most bothersome subjects of debate has been that of affiliation. I venture to say that there were in college last year fully a dozen Sigs from other schools. Some of them have never been to the rooms, others come when brought by members, and only two or three come at all freely. Though frequently and strongly urged, not one affiliated. How many were in Harvard of whom we never found a trace I do not know. In a place like this it is almost impossible for us to find Sigs if they do not make it a point to come around to us. Chapters who are sending men to schools where other chapters exist would do well to advise the men themselves and the other chapters of the fact, so that some effort could be made to reach such men.

We lose this year by graduation six men, Brothers Goddard, Munson, Nixdorf, Lee, Holbrook and Johnson, and probably a few undergraduates, who will leave college. Others who graduated this year will return to the law school or other special work.

We are very glad to welcome back into active membership Brother E. H. Virgin, who has secured a position in the Harvard Library, and will again become one of us.

We start next fall with thirty-four men, and practically no debt. With plenty of enthusiasm we certainly have much to look forward to.

We shall enter a team in the scrub football series, by which we expect to bring the chapter into prominence, and incidentally be in good shape to "trim" the Delta team again.

We are glad to note that two of our graduates have received honorable mention, Brother C. E. Nixdorf in Philosophy and Brother C. A. Holbrook in Biology.

In closing, let me say to every Sig in the country that Massachusetts Gamma, together with the other chapters of Province Alpha, stands ready to welcome him in Boston at the time of the convention. We shall feel the presence of every man as a personal honor to us. Province Alpha will do her share as host; let the others do theirs as guests.

With best wishes to other chapters and a sincere desire to see them all represented at the convention, I am

Fraternally yours,

HOWARD B. GATES.

**Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester.**

Although there is but little to record regarding the latter part of our school year the time was fully occupied and passed quickly. Now that the year is definitely behind us we can look back at it with the satisfaction that it was a successful one for the chapter, and at the same time we are determined that the coming year shall find us unweakened.

It was told in the last RECORD how Harvard once again demonstrated her superiority in baseball. This has happened so many times, however, that we are getting used to it and can speak of it without a qualm, and moreover the brothers of Gamma have the most delightful way of soothing the sting of defeat. They conquer us as decisively in the role of hosts as in that of athletes.

Not satisfied by our baseball experiences at Cambridge we essayed a game with our local friends of Phi Gamma Delta and again went down in inglorious defeat. The game was well worth while, however, as an evidence of the kindly feeling between the chapters, and we consoled ourselves with the reflections that our team was composed largely of inexperienced players and that Brothers Allen and Barr did their prettiest.

On commencement day the annual meeting of the Tech Alumni Association was held, a meeting which was unusually enthusiastic and at which several movements were set on foot which will be of great value to Tech as an institution. There seems to have been a general waking up among the students on the hill this year. There has always been enthusiasm enough among the fraternities here, but the school life has of late become too "dead and alive." It begins to look now as if something of the old spirit would be revived. Much depends upon the incoming freshman class.

On commencement day Brothers Allen, Barr, Brooks and Williamson received their diplomas. We are very sorry to lose them and wish them the best of fortune always. Numerically, however, our loss this year is small, and we will start in the fall with a strong chapter. Moreover, we intend to get our share of the good men in the incoming class.

A party consisting of Brothers Merriam, Lincoln, Wiard and Gallup has gone across to Europe this summer, where they will visit the Paris Exposition in the course of their travels. The rest of us are expecting to hear marvelous tales of adventure when they return.

We intend to make some changes in the running of our house next year and will be better able than ever to entertain our visitors.

With best wishes to the other chapters for a successful year,

Fraternally,

ROBERT F. COGGESHALL.



## PROVINCE BETA.

## New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.

New York Alpha will start the next college year with a strong membership and an earnest, united endeavor to advance the interests of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in every way. We lost by graduation Carl E. Hardy and H. A. Gehring. L. W. Baldwin, '03, intends to go to the University of California to affiliate with California Beta. Brothers Allen of Massachusetts Delta and Brown of Nebraska Lambda-Pi intend to enter Cornell in the fall and affiliate with us. In addition to these Brother Harden, '01, will return, and we already have three pledged men and the prospect of many more.

During the summer the members have kept well in touch with each other by means of a "Round Robin" or circular letter in which matters regarding rushing, ritual, etc., were discussed, as well as personal summer experiences.

Just before senior week the chapter enjoyed a visit from Brother Don William Robinson Almy, '96, who is now assistant attorney to the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company in New York. He came to Ithaca to act as best man at the wedding of Brother Enrique Keutsch Müller, New York Alpha, '97, and Miss Maud Sullivan of Ithaca.

The chapter was as usual well represented in the social events during senior week. During this week the sub-freshmen try their entrance examinations, and many of the members who did not attend the social events stayed to assist in rushing. The good results of their work may be judged from the first paragraph.

The chapter will occupy the same house at No. 804 East Seneca street, and will be ever ready to greet and entertain all Sig Alphas that wander Ithacaward.

Faternally,

E. LOTHARD McCURE.

## New York Mu, Columbia University, New York.

Our college year commences October 1st, and with it we hope for bright prospects for Σ A E. It is to be hoped that all members of the fraternity coming to Columbia this year will make themselves known at the earliest opportunity, and lend a hand in our fall rushing, which promises great things for Σ A E.

Interest at Columbia is now centered in football, and we believe our eleven this year will live up to last year's record.

In this his last letter to THE RECORD, the correspondent wishes a very successful year to all Sigdom.

Yours in Σ A E,

ROBERT H. CROMWELL.

**New York Sigma-Phi, St. Stephen's College, Annanda'e.**

The brothers of New York Sigma-Phi separated in the best of good-fellowship this year. The year past had been one of particularly unified feeling and effort; and with the return of an unusually large number of alumni, our commencement reunion was a most enjoyable and fitting climax to nine months' fraternal life.

Canon Fulcher is our old "stand-by" brother, never forgetting us and never content to be with us merely "in spirit." Our commencement reunions would be tame if they were without his Sigma-Phi enthusiasm and congeniality. He and Brother Snyder, both of '73, brought the old days with them, and we esteemed ourselves fortunate in having two of our founders with us.

Brother Coffin, '76, was toast-master at our banquet. When we need a toast-master we always wait for Brother Coffin, because he is peculiarly individual in his qualification for that honor. The following are a few of the toasts:

Fraternity—Canon Fulcher, '73.

The Fraternity as a School of Life—Archd. Holden, '79.

A Fraternal Ideal—McGuinness, '95.

Farewell—Stowell, '00.

Fraternity Enthusiasm—Treder, '01.

Our commencement had a very Sigma-Phi stamp and reflected great credit upon Brother Treder, who was marshal. Brother Long was valedictorian of the graduating class; while Brothers Stowell, '00, Burroughs, '03, and Drumm, '03, were all recipients of prizes for class-work. We lose two men by graduation. With fraternal greetings to all sister chapters, I am

Yours in  $\Sigma A E$ .

H. EUGENE A. DURELL.

**Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle.**

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi is looking forward to a very prosperous year. Our prospects are bright for the pick of the new men who come among us this fall. We lost by graduation last term's good men, Brothers Brock, Haldy, Metzel, Runkle, Smyser, and Wahley. We feel our loss, but congratulate ourselves upon the fact that our chapter is not only holding its own, but forging the front in the Greek world at Dickinson.

Much of this advance is due to the Province convention which was held here in May. This was the event of the year at Dickinson, and, though we transacted plenty of business, we feel sure that the social side of the occasion was not neglected.

In the Y. M. C. A. Brother Hardesty is chairman of the lecture course committee, and Brother Gillespie is chairman of the men

bership committee. Brother Runkle, our baseball captain, was in the graduating class.

With best wishes for all the chapters,

Fraternally,

ROBERT J. NICHOLSON.

**Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, Pennsylvania State College, State College.**

The past scholastic year closed leaving Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta in a better condition than she has been for some time past. Our chapter suffered the loss of Brothers Hamilton and Shearer, who have now become alumni members, and, from what has been rumored, Brother McKnight will not be with us this fall, as he intends to go into the hardware business with his father in Allegheny.

The success of our baseball team was due greatly to Brother Miller's head-work as captain of the team and his fine pitching and work on "second," while Brother Hewitt held "first" down in an enviable manner. Brother Hepler was "sub" on the college team and was unfortunate enough, toward the close of the season, to break a bone in his hand, which prevented him from playing in any of the college games. Brothers Adams and McCleary were on the sub-team.

The chapter's commencement dance, which was held in the chapter-house on Monday, June 11th, was one long to be remembered. With a houseful of loyal "Sig girls," the evening passed so quickly that it was near the wee hours of morning before we quit dancing. We regret to say that from our alumni but one paid us a visit at this time, when we were expecting quite a number. Brother Vastine was the only "old Sig" who helped us to enjoy the good times. The chapter is always glad to see any Sig, and extends an invitation to all to come and see us.

In speaking of our alumni, Andrews, '98, is now located in Carlisle, Pa.; Rex, '99, has accepted a position in Central City, Ky., with a mining company; Randolph, '99, is in Baltimore, Md.; Hamilton, '00, is acting as chemist with a paper mill in Piedmont, Va., and Shearer, '00, will take up medicine at U. of P. this fall.

We enter this fall with eighteen members, and we intend to get down to work and do some good hard rushing. The prospects are bright for a large number of freshmen.

With best wishes to sister chapters,

Fraternally,

B. LINDSAY MOORE.

**Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.**

The close of the college year found Zeta full of pleasant memories of the past and bright hopes for the future. With our greetings to sister chapters we wish to introduce our latest initiates Charles Franklin Bidelspacher, of Hepburn, Pa., and Ogle James McNitt, of Siglerville, Pa.

The new college dormitory, now in process of construction, will be completed for occupancy in the fall, and indications are that the attendance at Bucknell next year will be the largest in history. This will benefit us as a chapter, enabling Zeta's room which is now below our average, to be materially increased.

The convention of Province Beta, held at Carlisle under auspices of the Dickinson chapter, was in every way a success, drawing the chapters of the province together and cultivating many pleasant and lasting friendships. Five of our eight men attended, and all rendered a highly favorable report.

During the spring term we made good use of our chapter-house both for rushing prospective men and entertaining our many friends. The tennis court adjoining the house was put in excellent condition for the first time in two years, and many exciting tournaments were arranged and played.

Commencement passed off with all its usual excitement and pleasure. The twilight concerts on the college campus were among the most enjoyable features of the week. Our symposium was held at the Broadway Hotel Milton, where sixteen sea themselves around the festive board.

The completion of the year takes two from our roll, Jess Evans and Ned A. Moyer, both of the graduating class.

With sincerest wishes to all chapters for prosperity the ensuing year, I am

Yours in Σ A E,

NED A. MOYER

**Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg.**

On the 6th day of June Delta chapter completed her first year since her reestablishment, and now feels proud of her first year's work. All the members fully appreciate the advantages of fraternity life, and are very much awake to the interests of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Commencement week was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We had no members by graduation and shall have, therefore, our full number to begin work in the fall. Two new members have been added to our roll since our last letter. John Andrew Maught,

was initiated on the evening of June 1st, and Fred Garman Masters, '04, on June 11th.

On Decoration Day our chapter had the pleasure of entertaining two loyal brothers of the chapter who were members under the first charter. They were Brothers Warren, '86, and McCammon, '86, both of Washington, D. C. Brother Warren was one of the charter members in 1883.

Our baseball season was a success this year, and much of the credit is due to Brother Lantz, '01, who, as captain of the team, did everything in his power to develop a winning team. Brother Lantz had the good-will of all the players, and at the close of the season was reelected captain of the season of 1901. Brothers Hoffman, Brown, and Roehner were members of the team.

Socially, our chapter can make no complaint of not having her share of pleasure last term. The whist tournament held in our rooms on the night of June 12th was a most enjoyable affair, and the repast which followed was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Another social affair was the Pan-Hellenic dance which was held just before commencement week. The dance was a success in every respect. Sigma Alpha Epsilon was well represented.

Our chapter has been the recipient of a number of beautiful presents, but one of the most appreciated gifts that we have received came to us during last term in the shape of a pair of portières, the gift of Miss Meldor Saylor, a sister of Brother Saylor, '03. The chapter certainly values the gift and feels grateful to Miss Saylor for her kindness.

As the time draws near for the beginning of a new year's work, Pennsylvania Delta becomes more anxious to begin the work. Several of our alumni have promised to be in attendance at the opening of college, and will assist us during the "rushing" season.

With best wishes to all sister chapters for their future success,  
I am

Faternally yours,

CLARENCE MOORE.

### PROVINCE GAMMA.

Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

It is with mingled feelings of sadness and joy that Virginia Omicron again greets her sister chapters.

Sadness because some of our most enthusiastic brothers have left us to grapple with the great problems of life; and joy because we feel sure that the approaching session will bring with it many pleasant and profitable surprises.

At the close of the past session our roll was graced by the names of eighteen loyal "Sigs," who were lending every possible

effort to build up our chapter. Of this number we have lost five. Brothers Grubbs and Gordon returned to their homes in Louisville, where they will engage in the practice of law. Brother Hastings has also returned to the "Blue Grass" State and will practice in Elizabethtown. Brother Smith will complete his study of the law at Tulane University. Brother Eastwood will go to Boston to study naval architecture.

The thirteen other brothers will return to the university and continue their studies as follows:

Brothers Lyon, McCallie, Comer, Watkins, Thweatt, Lightle, Peebles and Toner, in the Academic Department.

Brothers Thornton, Barfield and Lassiter, in the Medical Department.

Brothers Tutwiler and Monroe in the Law Department.

The past year's work has been very satisfactory, indeed, and we anticipate increased enthusiasm during the approaching term.

In closing we desire to express our high sense of pride and gratification at the most excellent manner in which our sister chapters acquitted themselves during the past scholastic year. We particularly note that in not one of the chapter letters in the last issue of THE RECORD can be found a discouraging word. It is such as this that assures us that Sigma Alpha Epsilon is but a synonym of *harmony, progress and unlimited success*.

With every good wish for the prosperity of our sister chapters during the approaching term,

Faternally,

WILLIAM C. MONROE.

#### Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee University, Lexington.

Virginia Sigma greets her sister chapters. Although the past session at Washington and Lee was quiet in the various branches of fraternity work, it nevertheless brought forth good results to our chapter. The dearth of fraternity material at the opening of the session and the resumption after Christmas precluded the possibility of increasing the chapter's membership. However, this was the only way in which Virginia Sigma did not progress, for the old men entered into college politics with a vim that brought the chapter its share of honors in that line, and in all the society festivities Σ A E was in evidence.

The fall of 1900 promises to be an eventful one in our history. All except one of the old men will be back, and some expect to bring with them brothers and cousins. The chapter has adopted the correspondence system by which eligible men are kept track of during the summer, and we expect it will be a great help to us

Virginia Sigma wishes a prosperous start in the new session for all her sister chapters.

Fraternally,  
J. HARLAN HITER.

**North Carolina Xi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.**

Another commencement has come and gone. In the graduating class were four members of our chapter who had fought the fight for four long years, but years made pleasant by the associations and companionship resulting from membership in Σ A E. We who return will miss them sadly and will find their places hard to fill.

Almost the entire chapter attended the finals and we had the pleasure of entertaining our friends in our lodge. The following alumni were in attendance: Brothers Claudius Dockery and S. P. Graves, trustees of the University; A. B. Andrews, Jr., J. L. and E. V. Patterson.

It is with regret that I report the resignation of Dr. E. A. Alderman, our president, who has accepted the presidency of Tulane University. Dr. F. P. Venable was elected to succeed him.

As we look back over the year we realize that it has been a prosperous one. The chapter was smaller than it has been for some years, but the fraternal bonds were drawn closer than ever before. Many improvements were added to our hall. The few of us who return to college in the fall will go prepared for work and the next RECORD will report the fruit of our labors.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally,

ALFRED R. BERKELEY.

**North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson.**

So many weeks have passed since our commencement that it seems almost like a dream to recall the whirl of gaieties and visions of beauty which aroused the quiet of our old college. Commencement in Davidson is always an event in the lives of all the students and town people. This year it proved to be even more pleasant than usual, and Theta claims a large share in making it such a success.

Our old members were back at their former haunts, and being among their fellow Greeks did much to add to the festivities. Professor Alex. Martin, of Columbia, S. C., one of our alumni, was the orator before the Philanthropic Literary Society, and by his grace and magnetism, as well as his carefully prepared oration, brought forth prolonged applause from the audience.

Dr. B. F. Wilson, president of Converse College, and one of our

honored alumni, was elected orator by the Eumenean Society, but was prevented by sickness from attending.

On Wednesday night, June 3d, commencement closed with a concert and reception by all the fraternities in college.

After the commencement exercises came the sad part of all, the farewell. We closed with an enthusiastic meeting, full of good advice from our older members. Then followed a quiet smoker, the time dear to every Greek's heart.

Brother C. W. Hewitt and J. G. Law were among the graduating class. Since his graduation Brother Law has been employed in a bank in Walhalla, S. C., and Brother Hewitt is in the mercantile business with his father at Darlington, S. C.

Brother Arch Currie has been taking the summer law course at the University of Virginia.

Brother C. S. Matthews, who took his A.M. degree here this year, will be with us next term, being adjunct professor in Greek, Latin and mathematics.

Every indication shows that this will be a prosperous and pleasant term with us. Our chapter is strong and active, and some summer work will doubtless bring forth good fruit for Theta.

With every good wish to all, I am

Faternally yours,

JOHN W. MCCONNELL.

#### South Carolina Gamma, Wolford College, Spartanburg.

It is with no hesitancy that I say that South Carolina Gamma has closed the most successful year in its history. Compelled, as we were, to start the year without a senior, it caused us to work as Gamma's men had never worked before, and closed the year with a record of which we are justly proud.

Our surroundings are of the most pleasant nature. Nine of us room in the chapter-house, and during the past summer this has been remodeled and repainted.

Brabham is president of the Calhoun Society; Daniel is editor-in-chief of the *College Journal*, and Gibson is literary editor; Watkins is manager of the football team for the coming season, and Gibson is manager of next season's baseball team; Watkins won the medal offered by the Preston Society for the best essay, and Gibson won the one offered by the Calhoun Society. A. M. Brabham ably represented us on the baseball team, and came second in the batting percentage. This team never lost a game during the season.

We were glad to have with us during commencement so many of our alumni, and all met with us at our annual banquet. Brother Sherbonair, of Georgia Beta, acted as toast-master, and every one



seemed to enjoy the feast. After the table had been cleared the attendants were ordered to retire, and a general discussion of the fraternity and fraternity matters was entered into.

Fraternally, J. B. GIBSON.

#### Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens.

Since the last chapter letter was written commencement with all its gaieties has passed, the summer vacation has come and gone, and the  $\Sigma$  A E boys are once more returning to the chapter-house for another year's work and pleasure.

The spring term brought forth the usual number of candidates for the baseball team. Among those fortunate enough to secure places on the nine were four  $\Sigma$  A E's. Besides these, the team was officered by Brothers McBride, Charlton and Andrews, as captain, manager and assistant-manager, respectively.

The commencement season was unusually gay, and Athens was thronged by visitors from all parts of the State. Large numbers of enthusiastic alumni were present, and the universal verdict was that the girls who wore the  $\Sigma$  A E pin were the fairest of the many fair visitors.

Our loss by graduation was severe, five of our members securing diplomas from the law school, and four from the academic department, but of the latter three have returned for work in the law school.

For the coming scholastic year we have a good share of the University offices already assigned, among them being the editor-in-chief of the *Pandora*, the University annual, editor-in-chief of Y. M. C. A. *Hand-book*, assistant manager of the football team, captain of the baseball team, five officers in the corps of cadets, and a large representation in the dramatic, social and honorary clubs.

The chapter was recently saddened by the death of one of its founders, Dr. G. T. Goetchius, which occurred recently at Rome, Ga. The brothers of that city expressed their sympathy by magnificent floral offerings, and the whole city showed its sorrow at Dr. Goetchius's death.

The University of Georgia seems to be entering upon the most prosperous year of her existence, and indications are that she will celebrate her one hundredth anniversary next June with the largest number of students she has ever had.

With an increased number of students to choose from, Georgia Beta can easily maintain her high standard, and our hopes for the best chapter in our history are sure of realization.

We are always glad to see visiting brothers, and extend a cordial invitation to all.

Fraternally, J. D. MCCARTNEY.

**Georgia Psi, Mercer University, Macon.**

Commencement of 1900 marked the close of a year of brilliant achievements in the history of our University; and of all the forces that contributed to her success none were more potent than the splendid activity of our little band, and none received more conspicuous recognition.

The great work accomplished by our chapter is due largely to the encouragement and advice of our alumni, whose increasing interest in our welfare is most gratifying.

We lost by graduation two of our strongest members. Brother Carreker graduated with the degree of A.B., and Brother Simmons with the degree of B.L. As active members their energy and ability made them leaders among the students and did much to advance our chapter; as alumni these same qualities will make them leaders of men, to whom the members of our chapter in future years will point with pride.

The triumphs of the years gone by did not make our boys unmindful of coming struggles. Long before the close of the term they had organized the "Summer Campaign Association"; just before commencement the plans were perfected; and even now we are beginning to realize something of the truth of Brother Jackson's words when, "with a prophetic glance of his eyes into futurity," he said in his last letter that nothing worthy will escape us.

We shall have with us next term ten of the old men. One man has already been pledged, and we hope to greatly increase the number, as a large attendance of desirable men is promised.

It is our intention to make extensive improvements on our hall. We have secured sufficient funds, and the work will not long be delayed. When the "rushing season" opens we hope to have the most attractive hall in the University.

Wishing our sister chapters much success,

Faternally yours,

H. S. HERTWIG.

**Georgia Epsilon, Emory College, Oxford.**

Although we lost three loyal Sigs by graduation, we shall return in the fall with twelve or fourteen earnest workers, whose highest ambition is to place Σ A E above all others.

Georgia Epsilon had her share of honors at Emory last year. Brother Irwin graduated with second honor in a class of sixty students. Brother Timmons won the sophomore oratorical medal. Brothers Foreman, Irwin, Duncan, Leonard and Glenn also represented Σ A E in the final oratorical contests.

Brother Anderson was manager of the '03 baseball team, while your humble servant held the positions of captain of the '01 baseball team and vice-president of the athletic association.

Our annual reception, held on Monday evening of commencement week at the beautiful home of Mrs. E. O. Lee, was one of the most enjoyable and successful social events of commencement week. One of our alumni added much to the enjoyment of several Sig Alphas with a house-party lasting through the week.

The past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the institution, and the outlook for another year is equally encouraging.

Yours in  $\Sigma A E$ ,

JAMES RAWLS.

#### Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta.

In looking back over the record of Georgia Phi for '99-'00, we ourselves have to acknowledge that we did not know our strength. In only one instance were we beaten, and this through "frat politics." But the summary of honors for the year gives Georgia Phi the more important offices. For the coming year we have the most important office that the student-body can confer, the managership of the football team. This office will be held by Warren Neel, '01.

Georgia Phi graduated no one this year, hence next fall has no terror for our chapter, since the work will fall on the same shoulders that won for the old gold and purple first place last fall. Furthermore, we have an alumni chapter under the leadership of our Province president, E. E. Pomeroy, which lets no  $\Sigma A E$  material be lost.

We began the term last fall with twenty-five men, and initiated fourteen men in all. At no time, however, did our chapter exceed thirty-three men. We closed the most successful year that Georgia Phi has known, with twenty-two earnest, hard-working Sigs.

Instead of giving a formal entertainment to our friends at commencement we chose to serve a small "spread" in our frat rooms and to pass the last night in close communion with each other. As we were about to depart, one of our new initiates arose and expressed the sentiment of the evening: "Brothers, it is like leaving home.

Wishing sister chapters success in the future, I am

Fraternally,

J. WAYNE MOORE.

a wife. Ohio Sigma wishes Ned and his estimable wife well in life.

The year on the whole was one of enjoyment, but yet we have had our sorrowful times as well. Brother James Frank McLaughlin, of Lisbon, O., one of the best boys we ever had, has slipped over into the silent city at the command of a Heavenly Father.

The hand of affliction has not only borne this good brother away, but is now resting heavily upon Edward Clarence Wolfe, a brother beloved by all. He is lingering on the brink, and we still have hopes of his recovery. Our sympathies are extended to the parents of both these brothers.

As usual, Ohio Sigma closed her college year with the annual banquet. It is our custom to place the program in the hands of the seniors and alumni. Thus we were assured of good toasts, and this year was no exception.

Trusting our sister chapters have enjoyed a like measure of prosperity with us and that the coming year may be full of enjoyment to all, I am

Yours fraternally,

FRANK E. MCGUIRE.

#### Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati.

It is with the greatest pleasure that the writer records the progress of Ohio Epsilon. All things seem to have worked together for our good, and as a result, we are prospering in a manner which is decidedly satisfactory.

Ohio Epsilon is now in its eleventh year, and has acquired that solidity which comes of long training and experience. Our path is now well marked out for us, and we have but to continue the work so well begun by our predecessors.

The advent of our new Kentucky chapter and the frequent inter-chapter visits made possible thereby, has added a new zest and pleasure to our fraternity life. Previous to the installation of Kentucky Epsilon, we were somewhat isolated from neighboring chapters, and we had to be satisfied with the companionship of our alumni and of those Cincinnatians who joined Σ A E elsewhere. But now we watch with a fatherly sort of pride the progress of our new chapter and we look forward to a renewal of our enjoyable visits.

Four of our number, Brothers Green, Pierson, Roberts and Farnham, are at this writing in Paris. "doing" the exposition. Their meeting in Paris was truly a joyful one. Brothers Farnham and Roberts are the representatives of a newspaper syndicate, and their stay in Paris is in consequence of longer du-

**Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College, Alliance.**

Mount Union College has closed a most prosperous year. Success is stamped on every department. The fraternities, Sigma Nu, Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, have been in accord with the onward movement of the Institution, and are in a flourishing condition.

Ohio Sigma sends out eleven wearers of the purple and gold. In scholarship and character, they all stand the test, and we feel sure in future years they will bring honor to their cherished fraternity and Alma Mater.

Among the number who will pursue educational work, are James A. Silver, Jno. M. McLaughlin, Chas. T. Austin, C. L. Merwin and C. E. Benedict.

T. C. Stahl will preach or enter Drew Theological Seminary with H. V. Ross and C. R. Ross. "Charlie" completes his work at Drew and N. Y. University this year.

Jay C. Buckwalter will prepare himself in Warren, O., for law examination.

Homer C. Buck will recuperate a year before entering an eastern school to pursue a philosophical course.

Jno. H. Price, after his return from Europe, will enter Harvard, with the law course in view.

Price was editor-in-chief of this year's "Unonian," and succeeded in putting out an excellent annual.

Homer Buck reflected honor on our fraternity by winning the L. Morgan Wood prize for the best commencement address. The decision of the judges met with universal approval, as the speech was the best that has been delivered here for years. Brother H. V. Ross received second place.

Among the visitors to our ranch during commencement week, were: Fred L. Taft and M. B. Excell, of Cleveland; Willis H. Grant, Pittsburg, Pa.; L. Morgan Wood, Cleveland, O.; G. M. Fowles, assistant pastor of Calvary M. E. Church, New York; Jno. F. Jose, Johnstown, Pa.; H. C. Burger, former editor of THE RECORD, and one of our most enthusiastic alumni; W. H. McMasters, of New York, and Ner W. Stroup, of Atwater, O. These men were all kind in their praise of the condition of the local chapter, and according to their own testimony, our standard of membership has not deteriorated. They were especially pleased with the appearance of the house which had been refurnished.

Already the lots for next year have been cast and twelve boys have signified their intention of rooming in the fraternity home.

The outlook for Σ A E next year is bright and hopeful.

Edgar E. Brosius, one of our town members, has joined the ranks of the "troubled," inasmuch as he has taken unto himself

a wife. Ohio Sigma wishes Ned and his estimable wife well in life.

The year on the whole was one of enjoyment, but yet we have had our sorrowful times as well. Brother James Frank McLaughlin, of Lisbon, O., one of the best boys we ever had, has slipped over into the silent city at the command of a Heavenly Father.

The hand of affliction has not only borne this good brother away, but is now resting heavily upon Edward Clarence Wolfe, a brother beloved by all. He is lingering on the brink, and we still have hopes of his recovery. Our sympathies are extended to the parents of both these brothers.

As usual, Ohio Sigma closed her college year with the annual banquet. It is our custom to place the program in the hands of the seniors and alumni. Thus we were assured of good toasts, and this year was no exception.

Trusting our sister chapters have enjoyed a like measure of prosperity with us and that the coming year may be full of enjoyment to all, I am

Yours fraternally,

FRANK E. MCGUIRE.

#### Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati.

It is with the greatest pleasure that the writer records the progress of Ohio Epsilon. All things seem to have worked together for our good, and as a result, we are prospering in a manner which is decidedly satisfactory.

Ohio Epsilon is now in its eleventh year, and has acquired that solidity which comes of long training and experience. Our path is now well marked out for us, and we have but to continue the work so well begun by our predecessors.

The advent of our new Kentucky chapter and the frequent inter-chapter visits made possible thereby, has added a new zest and pleasure to our fraternity life. Previous to the installation of Kentucky Epsilon, we were somewhat isolated from neighboring chapters, and we had to be satisfied with the companionship of our alumni and of those Cincinnatians who joined  $\Sigma A E$  elsewhere. But now we watch with a fatherly sort of pride the progress of our new chapter and we look forward to a renewal of our enjoyable visits.

Four of our number, Brothers Green, Pierson, Roberts and Farnham, are at this writing in Paris, "doing" the exposition. Their meeting in Paris was truly a joyful one. Brothers Farnham and Roberts are the representatives of a newspaper syndicate, and their stay in Paris is in consequence of longer du-

ration than that of the first two, who are traveling extensively on the continent.

Brother Green will enter Columbia this next year, where he will be associated with our brothers of New York Mu. The other three brothers will return to continue their courses in this city.

Our chapter still maintains its prominence in athletics. In the intercollegiate field-day meet held in this city last June, the University of Cincinnati defeated its old-time rivals, Miami and Ohio State University. We take pride in the fact that Brothers Innes and Elliot were the only local fraternity men to win prizes in this contest.

Brother Bert Charls will captain the football team this fall and Brother Harold Van Matre will doubtless be found in his old position at left end.

Graduation took from our number Brothers Cairns and Innes. The chapter will return a goodly number at the opening of college, and as usual, our prospects are exceedingly bright.

With best wishes to all our chapters,

Faternally,

EDWIN L. HUTCHINS

#### Ohio Theta, Ohio State University, Columbus.

Since our last chapter letter we have initiated two new men, Daniel C. Jones, '02, of Jackson, Ohio, and Walter R. Judson, '03, of Dayton, Ohio, thus closing our school year with nineteen men. Of this number two graduated, Brothers Weld and Thomas, and Brother Wagstaff does not expect to return for his last year, so it will leave us sixteen men with which to start the rushing season. We expect to capture several good men in the fall, as all the members are on the lookout for good material from their respective towns.

In regard to finances, Ohio Theta closed the year in a very prosperous condition, clearing about thirty dollars over our chapter-house expenses. We have assessed each member one dollar a month, during the vacation season, in order to start a furniture fund for the refurnishing of our house.

During the summer Brothers Taylor and Dickinson made a "bumming" tour to Niagara Falls.

Faternally yours,

JOHN D. ANDREWS.

#### Indiana Beta, Purdue University, Lafayette.

As the time draws near for us again to take up our studies, it is but natural that we should look with a little anxiety toward the rushing season, especially when a chapter has graduated as many

men as we have this last year. We lost by this means Brothers Clarence J. Bodemer, Harrison S. Colburn, H. Lee Gordon, Frank E. Mueller and Paul B. Sawyer, and we fear that Brother Albert M. Traugott, '03, will not be able to be with us this coming year.

But we are glad to state that T. D. Williams, who was compelled to leave last year on account of sickness, will be back, and we hope to have Brother Mueller, who, if he returns, will take up postgraduate work.

Our chapter-house is being painted. As we think it the prettiest one here, we can be especially proud this fall, and it should be a substantial aid during the rushing season.

Although our number will not be large when we start upon the new year, it is rather hopefully than otherwise that we look toward the opening of the fall term.

Wishing all chapters and members a successful year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

HARRY J. SHAW.

#### Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston.

Last year was a good year with Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Northwestern University. At the last meeting of the year there was such a unanimity of enthusiasm for the fraternity's welfare that even the vacation scattering cannot weaken the determination of every man to make the local chapter prosper and flourish. To begin with, we have three pledges, men who will exert an influence in college and fraternity circles. Furthermore, we have doubled our room by raising the banner of Sigma Alpha Epsilon one story higher. All but one of our members will return; therefore we will begin the promising new year in substantially the same condition as we ended the prosperous old year.

In every branch of college life our men have been active. The mutual good feeling existing between our members and the various college organizations attests to the popularity of the Sig Alphas. We have made a good showing on track and field, we have men in the honorary societies, we contribute our share of class officers, and we furnish leading musicians.

John Edward George, '95, who has been studying at Harvard and at the University of Halle, Germany, where he received his doctor's degree, returns to Northwestern as instructor in the department of political economy.

Last year we entertained visitors from various other Σ A E chapters. The acquaintance with these men encourages and enthuses us and makes us firm believers in more thorough inter-chapter acquaintanceship.



A number of alumni from a distance, men who are prominent in their professions, called to see us, and all expressed themselves as elated with the condition and prospect of the chapter.

We wish all members of the fraternity a profitable year. We hope and believe the fraternity will be unusually prosperous. We trust to you for a renewal of strength and frat. spirit that will be forceful in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Fraternally,

ORA LOFTIN HALL.

#### Illinois Beta, University of Illinois, Champaign.

Just before commencement we completed a very successful year by initiating two new men, Ralph H. Gage, Chicago, and Thomas A. Clark, of Urbana, both members of the class of 1902.

We began last fall with eleven members, and during the year we initiated twelve men, thus giving each old man credit for "rushing" and a little to spare. One of our two seniors, Brother B. A. Campbell, will probably return this fall and enter the College of Law. Brother Campbell gave the oration at Cerro Gordo, Illinois, on the fourth of July. Brother Darmer, the other happy recipient of a sheepskin, will study at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago next year. We will start out this fall with a larger membership than ever before, and we look forward to a very prosperous year.

Especially do we anticipate a happy time together, for just at the close of the last semester we completed the arrangements for a large house, pleasantly located on Illinois street in Urbana, where we will be our own bosses, and where our latch-string will always hang toward the weather. With possibly one exception, all of the fraternities at the University will occupy houses next year, and so we feel that we are particularly fortunate in getting located. We will give up our rooms down-town and transact all of our affairs at our own new home. The dining-table question was "laid on the table" last spring; we shall probably not attempt anything more serious than "fudges" in the culinary department until we gain a little experience in keeping house for ourselves.

During the latter part of May we had a very pleasant visit from Brothers Cherrington and McCall of Ohio Delta. Of course every one knows that Brother Cherrington carried off the honors in the intercollegiate oratorical contest held here at that time. Illinois Beta attended the contest in a body, and, although she was loyal to the "Uni," she was most happy to congratulate the worthy brother in Sigdom who took first place. Brother Nussbaum of Illinois Psi-Omega also spent a few hours with us last spring while waiting for the rain to let the Northwestern baseball team get out of town. We are pretty talkative on the question of baseball and

are not a little proud of our own last year's Varsity, as the champions of the West. On their way home last June a number of our men enjoyed a few hours with our brothers at Illinois Psi-Omega.

Just now, as I write, we are scattered to the four winds, some fishing, some working, some simply "vacating," but all looking forward with pleasure to the time when we will come together again. As I am destined to wield the gavel next year, this is probably the last time that I will have the pleasure of writing for this publication (all my fellow correspondents know how we love our office), and as I lay aside my pen to take up other duties in our cherished organization, I desire to extend my best wishes to those brothers with whom I have had correspondence. Wishing success to all the sister chapters, and happiness to all the brothers in  
Σ A E, I am,

Fraternally yours,

HARLAN HOYT HORNER.

### PROVINCE EPSILON.

#### Kentucky Kappa, Central University, Richmond, Kentucky.

The eighteenth year of Kentucky Kappa's existence has just ended, and in looking over the year's work we feel safe in saying that it has been the brightest year of her history. In reviewing the distribution of college honors we find that Kappa has taken her full share. We had in athletics three men on the football team; three players and the manager of the baseball team; two of the three students on the advisory board, and the secretary of the Athletic Association. In the Military Department we had the major, senior captain and first lieutenant, besides four or five non-commissioned officers. Of the class officers we have two presidents, a secretary and an historian; and in the literary work three editors on the weekly and two on the annual. Besides this Brother Rowell won the intercollegiate declamatory contest, and Brother Kenney received the medal for the best set of notes on Physiology.

Nearly all of us attended the Confederate reunion at Louisville, and it is needless to say that we enjoyed ourselves to the fullest extent. In fact we nearly came to the conclusion that it was a reunion of Sig Alphas under a different name. It was almost impossible to turn around without running into the outstretched arms of some Sig. And as for the sisters, well, if all our sisters are as charming and loyal to Σ A E as the few the writer had the pleasure of meeting, he thinks they may well be called the "better-half" of the fraternity.

The most important thing that has taken place at Kappa since our last letter was the commencement dance given by our chapter in the Masonic Temple, on the evening of June 11. The hall, on

which the boys had been working for two or three days, was beautifully decorated in "royal purple and old gold." The central pillar was a huge column of larkspur, through which was seen the old gold ribbon with which it was tied. From this pillar to the four corners of the hall was draped broad bands of the colors. The chandelier was also draped in the ribbon. But the most inspiring sight to the Sig was seen at the end of the hall. There, high up on the wall, fashioned in "royal purple and old gold," were the letters  $\Sigma A E$ , and just beneath them  $\Phi A$ , and surrounding them all a wreath of the purple larkspur.

At 10:30 the dance began with all of the Richmond society, the guests for commencement, and most of the students present. Held under the influence of the sweet music and perfect time of Wherley's orchestra from Louisville, none thought of leaving before half past four or five o'clock. And then with many sighs and wishes that it had lasted longer, we at last took ourselves home and to bed. All declared it to be the finest dance given in Richmond in years, and many the finest ever given.

Just before leaving we held our semi-annual election of officers, after which the "goat" was let loose and succeeded in doing his work to the full satisfaction of all save one. So it is with great pleasure that I introduce into Sigdom Mr. Hamilton C. Wallace of Frankfort, Ky. Brother Wallace had a brother who graduated here some years ago who was a Sig.

Hoping that our sister chapters may have a most successful rushing season, and that they may find next year the most prosperous in the history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, I am

Faternally yours,

J. ROCKWELL SMITH.

#### Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.

Kentucky Iota opened with six members, and with the prospect of two or three more members who have not yet come. Two graduates, W. E. Moore and W. H. Morgan, the former valedictorian of his class, have left us for other fields of work.

We had a very prosperous commencement,  $\Sigma A E$  being well represented in everything. The rushing season has been rather dull thus far. There is little fraternity material in school to be utilized, but we have two or three men in view who are possible fraternity men. All of our men are ready and willing for work, and we expect a very prosperous year.

Wishing the best of success to all of our order, I am

Yours fraternally,

E. J. P. GARROTT.

**Tennessee Zeta, Southern Presbyterian University, Clarksville.**

We lost one man by graduation, Brother Lewis G. Wilson, who expects to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology next session. Although our chapter was small we feel that the year's work was successful. We had a most congenial set of fellows, who gave a good example of how fraternity men ought to stick together.

As a number of our new men will not return we will begin the year with only two men, but we will have the assistance of some splendid *fratres in urbe*, so that we are expecting great things for old Zeta. We had the pleasure of having with us at commencement a number of our honored alumni. Brother Geo. W. Patterson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Murfreesboro, Tenn., delivered the Annual Homiletic Address, and Brother P. C. West, of Indian Territory, made a magnificent Alumni Address. A number of other Sigs were present, to all of whom we gave a hearty welcome.

With best wishes for success to all the chapters, I am,  
Fraternally, GEO. D. BOOTH.

**Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.**

From the green hills of sunny Tennessee, Nu again sends greetings to her sister chapters. At present most of our boys are here and there recruiting strength, but the correspondent is in touch with nearly every one of them, and, if their reports index their real status, not even the scorching heat of a summer sun can wither the enthusiasm of a loyal knight. As time goes on, experience continues to teach us lessons. We have noticed that vacation is a most opportune time for finding out a man's true devotion to his fraternity. That brother who is willing to sacrifice some of his quiet hours, and who will go here and there in the heat and dust in the interest of the cause, is in the right attitude toward his fraternity, a brother to be appreciated. From all we can see and learn of the fraternity world, it seems that Sigma Alpha Epsilon is making progress in every line, and we believe that the Boston convention will confirm the fact that her rate of progress is equalled by few other fraternities, and surpassed by none. Our chapter last year had an unusually successful career, and it is attributed more to this fact than to anything else that every man tried to do something to improve the chapter. These efforts naturally increased interest and earnestness, and in the wake of this, general prosperity followed. We will begin the coming session in a chapter-house, with nearly all our old men

Commencement came and went with its gladness and sorrows. We were all there. In modesty we are glad to say that the honor roll showed the name of every member of our fraternity. Our hopes and plans for the future have so engrossed our attention that we do not find it convenient in this issue to give a more detailed account of our record for the past year, but this has been given for the most part from time to time.

With good wishes for all, I am

Yours in  $\Sigma A E$ ,

MARVIN E. HOLDERNESS.

**Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.**

The time has flown by at a rapid rate since the close of the last collegiate year, and it is difficult to realize that before many days the life and joys and sorrows of another will begin.

Several of our men graduated at the last commencement—some to throw themselves upon the mercies of the cold world in business or in law, others as embryonic pedagogues, and some to add to the profound knowledge which they already possess by taking post-graduate work in various studies. In spite of that fact, however, we will return a good proportion of our last year's men, and trust that we may add to them additional forces.

There is little to mention in this issue of THE RECORD as to our proceedings which would be of general interest to the fraternity, except that we have enjoyed the greatest prosperity, and, as far as good fellowship and harmony goes, our life has been all that could be desired.

Brother Emmet E. Joyner and the correspondent had the pleasure of visiting the Sewanee chapter during the past summer, and we take the liberty of congratulating the fraternity at large on possessing so ideal a representative at that university.

With best wishes to all our chapters, I am

Yours fraternally,

ALBERT T. SUMMEY.

**Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.**

The University of the South has just emerged from the duties and labors of the past Lent term to enter upon those of the Trinity term following, and from present indications we rest assured that Tennessee Omega's bright reputation of the past will lose none of its luster.

During the interval between the two terms, commencement became the center of numerous gaieties in the shape of dances and exercises, producing in all one of the most delightful seasons ever experienced here.

**Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.**

The last scholastic year has been one of unusual prosperity for Alpha-Mu, and it is with great anticipations that we enter upon the year 1900-01.

Alpha-Mu lost by graduation seven of her most loyal followers (all of them being senior officers in the corps of cadets), but will return about twelve men for the fall rushing, from which we hope to get our full quota of men.

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Our annual was almost entirely the work of Brother Nixon, while Brother Illges took the *Orange and Blue*, our college weekly, through the most successful year of its existence.

Brothers Nixon, G. Boyd and J. Boyd, 1900, will return as adjunct professors in different departments of college, and will be of great help to us in engineering the affairs of the "frat."

We shall be represented in athletics this year by Brother Brings at his old place of full-back on the "Varsity," Dewees as captain of the gymnastic team, and by Cameron as manager of the football team.

Hoping to make the month of September a momentous occasion for some good "frats" and a successful year to  $\Sigma A E$  at large,

Fraternally,

ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSON.

**PROVINCE ZETA.****Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri, Columbia.**

The school year which has just closed has been one of the most successful ever experienced by Missouri Alpha. Our chapter roll shows twenty-one names, ten of which were taken in this year.

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Our June dance was about the swellest thing of the year. It was the first of four "frat" dances, and we did not feel the least bit ashamed of ours after all was over. The decorations were elaborate, being composed of cut flowers, vines, potted plants and fraternity colors. The cosy corners were a great success. The first thing you saw on entering the hall was a large  $\Sigma A E$  pin made of colored lights. Our "frat" sisters and friends were very kind in giving us all the help we needed.

We regret to say we have been unable to have an election of

german, given on Thursday evening after commencement in the Elk hall, Tuscaloosa. The hall was artistically decorated in the colors, with palms and ferns interspersed, while various colored lights added a dazzling effect to the scene. During the intermissions refreshments were served. The german was very gracefully led by Brother Noble J. Wiley, assisted by Miss Hulit Trapp, of Montgomery, Ala. At the close of the german souvenirs in the shape of wrought-iron candlesticks, with old gold candles tied with purple ribbon, were given to each young lady.

Although we lost six men by graduation, still we shall return this fall about fifteen strong, all with a determination to make the session of 1900-01 the most successful session in the history of Alabama Mu.

With greetings to sister chapters, I am

Fraternally yours,

JOHN O. ELY.

#### Alabama Iota, Southern University, Greensboro.

Before very long the members of Alabama Iota will again be reunited for another year's work. There will be some who cannot be there, and I am very sorry to say that the writer is one of that number. Yet there will be those who can uphold the banner of Σ A E and bear it to the front in the fight.

There will be others who will not be with Iota again. Brothers L. J. Lawson and Weems were graduated last June, and some others, for different reasons, cannot attend. We are very glad to say, however, that Brothers Threadgill and Carpenter, who were of the chapter of 1898-99, will return this session. Much hard work has been done this summer to get others to consent to return, but we cannot say as to the success.

Last session was not, in many ways, a successful one for Alabama Iota. Our members did not receive many honors. Brother Dunlap was sophomore commencement speaker, Brothers Childers and C. E. Waller were junior speakers, and Brother Gamble was senior speaker. Brothers Dunlap and Gamble were members of the baseball team, of which Brother Gamble was manager. But our members were for the most part young and new in the work. There were some good men initiated, however, and we expect the coming session to be a success in every sense of the word.

With best wishes for the success of all sister chapters in the fall rushing, I remain

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F. K. GAMBLE.

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province officers, due to the fact that some of the chapters will take no action, and this delay has made the province work delayed. We urge the chapters to take this matter up and act promptly.

We had five men in summer school, and they have made plans for the new year. The men are keeping a close watch for all new men, and we expect to have a strong chapter.

In University affairs we were well represented. Hogan, the captain of the track team, won the championship in the interdepartment field meet and three firsts in the interscholastic meet.

We finished first in the interfrat baseball games. Brother Miller won the Junior Academic Scholarship.

The reunion of Alpha men at the State Judicial Convention was a pleasant function. Four of the delegates were Sigs.

We will lose but five men this year.

Yours in Σ A E,

S. BAILEY HOUX.

#### Missouri Beta, Washington University, St. Louis.

Missouri Beta closed the scholastic year of 1899-1900 in a flourishing condition. All our financial obligations have been met and we can commence the new year with a clean record. Our membership, by wise and judicious choice of men, was increased exactly two hundred per cent. This may sound startling, but it is not so when you take into consideration the number of men we had at the beginning of last year—five. The interest has increased in proportion to the membership.

Now that the future of Washington University is absolutely assured by the magnificent endowments which have been made in the last two years, Missouri Beta is casting about to make its own future certain. Work, long delayed, has at last commenced on the University buildings on the site just west of Forest Park, and it is hoped to have them completed at the opening of the school year in 1901. Missouri Beta is anxious to have a chapter-house in the vicinity of the new grounds, but as yet we have but hope to rely upon.

Σ A E always obtains her share of honors in school life, and Missouri Beta is no exception to the rule. Brother Samuel W. Forder, '02, captured the tennis championship of the University by winning the tennis tournament in June. Brother Carver W. Forder, '01, won the consolation prize in the same contest, and the two Forders landed the pennant in the doubles. Your correspondent will guide the destinies of our college publication, *Student Life*, during the ensuing year. In college athletics we have held our own. On May 8th last we all indulged in giving our only "frat" rival, Phi Delta Theta, a severe drubbing at baseball. The result was never

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in doubt. Our superior (?) playing captured the game by the heavy score of 24 to 9. Phi Delta Theta is our only "frat" but we are on very friendly terms with its members.

We are now comfortably settled in a well-furnished room in Henry Shaw School of Botany building, just west of the col building on Washington avenue. We are always at home to visiting Sigs, and we would be pleased to see any brother at our quarters, No. 1724 Washington avenue.

We will commence the new year with eleven men, having two, Brothers Koken and Toensfeldt, by graduation, and two other Brothers Wagner and Devoy, having left school. Brother Alt is E. A. for the ensuing six months.

Yours in  $\Sigma$  A E,

HARRY A. DAWSON

### Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Since our last letter things have continued to progress smoothly for Nebraska Lambda-Pi. Brother Guy Cowgill has been elected as a member of the Athletic Board. The election was an extremely hot one, and consequently the victory a mighty triumph. Brother Ray De Putron is at last with the Nebraska ball team. Brother Klinge won the gold medal for being the best drilled in the Nebraska Cadets. As the school year closes we can look back with pleasure on our efforts this year. We are practically all new men and consequently have not done as much as we will be able to next year. We will have at least sixteen old back next year and have two good men already pledged. My best wishes for Sigma Alpha the country over, I remain

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE P. SHIDLER

### Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Once more Alpha-Upsilon has passed another of its joyful commencements at U. of A. Once more have we felt the joy of home and now there remains only a treasured memory of June 1, 1900, when the emblems of purple and gold were held higher and waved prouder than ever before.

Our spacious  $\Sigma$  A E hall lent itself gracefully to the occasion. The ceiling and wall spaces were entirely covered by purple and gold bunting, garlanded and festooned with smilax, and diamonds of incandescents studding the ceiling to bespeak order. Graven in the south wall was an immense  $\Sigma$  A E badge of purple and gold lights. Fashioned in the same manner and directly opposite shone the three dearly beloved letters of our motto "Sigma Alpha Epsilon." In all the corners little bowers of purple and pot-plants hid from view bowls of ices, in which were festooned bunches of sweet-peas, making a pleasing contrast to the heavy over 300 electric lights, which hung from above and from all sides.

its weight of palms and bunting, which seemed to soften the already beautiful strains of Michael's celebrated Springfield orchestra.

As the night grew old and the light of a new day began to tinge the eastern sky with its first golden rays, it warned the guests that ere another hour had gone, the eighth commencement ball of Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon would live with us only as a sweet memory.

We trust we have made it a success, and we have been assured by our many friends that we have, but whatever of beauty, whatever of enjoyment we have created, we wish to yield it all to our host of loyal  $\Sigma A E$  sisters, who aided us so nobly in our work.

Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon will begin the new session in good condition to make a fine record for the coming year.

Fraternally,

CHARLES B. FOSTER.

### PROVINCE ETA.

California Alpha, Leland Stanford, Jr., University.

This September our Stanford chapter expects to open her doors with at least fifteen old men, more than she has had for many years. For this reason we feel confident that this is to be by far the most successful year we have experienced.

At the end of June the applications for our freshman class at the University numbered over six hundred. A very large class is therefore expected, which, if it contains as large a percentage of fraternity men as the previous class, will give us plenty of good material to select from.

During the summer rushing has been carried on in a quiet way, and, through correspondence, we have learned something of good men expecting to enter our university. We earnestly request that any member of our fraternity knowing, or knowing of, any good man going to Stanford will write us his name. If more of this sort of thing was done our chapters all over the country would profit by it, and we would get our hands on many good men whom, as it is, we never hear of until they are initiated by one of our rivals.

At the opening of college Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta all expect to move into new houses on the campus. Chi Psi is also building, and we hear Sigma Chi expects to do the same thing in the near future.

In athletics this year our college hopes to hold its own with its only rival, the University of California. Our football manager seems greatly pleased with the new coach, Yost, from Lafayette, and also over the prospect of much new material.  $\Sigma A E$  holds, of college positions, captain of the baseball and track teams, leader of the mandolin club, and manager of both mandolin and glee clubs, also three men on the athletic committee.

Besides the loss of our graduates of last year, we greatly regret the loss of Brother H. E. Campbell, '03, of Chicago, who has entered a law office in that city. Brother Campbell was initiated into our fraternity the last of the first semester of 1899-1900, and withdrew from the University before the end of the second semester on account of sickness. While with us he certainly won a very high place among us all. We will not soon forget him.

Fraternally,

CYRUS L. MERRIAM.

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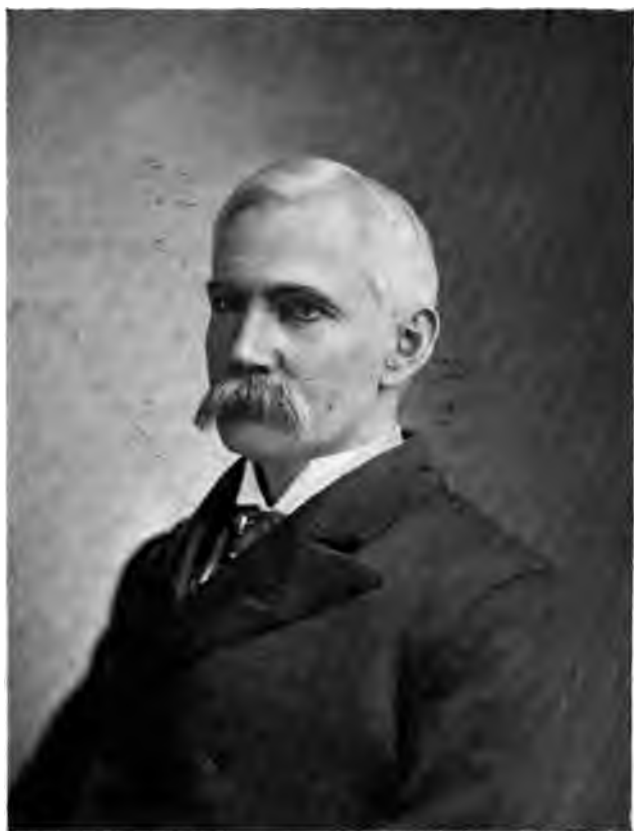
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## HON. WM. L. WILSON.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is once more the shrine before which a nation bows with grief. When the news came that Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, President of Washington and Lee University, statesman, soldier and educator, had died suddenly at his home in Lexington, Va., it fell like a pall, not only on the members of the fraternity, in which he was so enthusiastic, but upon the country at large, in whose government he had held so many important positions.

Among the many prominent characters that have come before the public gaze in the last twenty-five years he cannot be assigned to any secondary place.

As a youth he had opportunities and took advantage of them all. He was born in Jefferson county, West Virginia, May 3d, 1843; son of Benjamin and Mary (Lyne) Wilson. After receiving his elementary education at Charlestown Academy, he went to Columbian College, where he became a member of the *Σ Α Ε* fraternity, and was graduated with honor just as the civil war was bursting with fury upon the country. He at once entered the Confederate army, and here his character was first shown in its true light. All that he appeared to be he was. His nature could not tolerate meretricious aids if proffered. In the many trials and temptations presented to the young man at the beginning of the war, he proved his character pure and clean. If he had been caught in the eddies and cyclones of the French revolu-

tion, he would have been Danton's coadjutor ; he would have saved his country through honor and integrity, where human power could not have availed. After the war, wishing to refresh himself in his studies, he accepted the professorship of Latin in Columbian College, in connection with which position he also undertook the study of law, and after two years in this position he returned to Charlestown, West Virginia, and for eleven years practiced law. While before the bar he refused absolutely to enter politics, and, when, in 1880 he was elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Cincinnati, he gave up the practice of law entirely. Immediately after this convention he was chosen a delegate at large on the Hancock ticket.

In 1882, he accepted the presidency of the West Virginia University, but resigned this position the next year, having been chosen a member of the Forty-second Congress ; he served with that until the Fifty-fourth. He was Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the Fifty-third Congress, and carried through the measure repealing the Sherman law. While chairman of this same committee, he formulated and advocated his tariff bill, which alone would make his name immortal in the history of the country.

While a member of Congress, the Columbia University conferred upon him the degree of LL.D., and a little later he received the same honor from Hampden-Sidney, University of Mississippi, Tulane University, University of Missouri, and the West Virginia University. His reputation as an educator became so widely known that he was offered the presidency of universities all over the country, and notably did the University of Missouri make several attempts to persuade him to take charge of that institution.

He served six years as one of the Regents of the

Smithsonian Institution, and in that time made many improvements in the methods and management.

As an effective speaker, Brother Wilson had few equals, and during the famous Mill's tariff bill in the Fifty-fifth Congress, his speech is conceded to have been the most forcible and lucid during that protracted debate.

In 1892 he was made chairman of the Democratic Convention at Chicago. His friends frequently urged him to make the race for United States senator from his State, and just as he was preparing to make the race, President Cleveland appointed him postmaster-general. It is generally conceded that he was one of the ablest members of President Cleveland's cabinet. At the expiration of his term of office his health began to fail, and he accepted the presidency of Washington and Lee University, which he held until his death. His remains were interred in Charlestown, Jefferson county, West Virginia, Friday morning, October 18th, 1900. The remains were accompanied by committees from his associates. Services were held Thursday afternoon in Lee Memorial Chapel on the campus of Washington and Lee University; in the meantime all exercises were suspended, and the students and fraternity men paid their last tribute to his memory.

His form we shall never see again, but his work and character is ours forevermore. The body is dead, but the spirit lives, for—

“There is no death: the stars go down  
To shine on a fairer shore,  
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown  
They shine forevermore.”



**"BOSTON TECH."**

In 1860 Professor William Barton Rogers presented, by means of a committee, to the Massachusetts State Legislature a "Memorial," in which "reference is made to the expected early establishment of a comprehensive Polytechnic College, furnishing a complete system of industrial education supplementary to the general training of other institutions, and fitted to equip its students with every scientific and technical principle applicable to the industrial pursuits of the age.

Although the act to incorporate the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was passed in the year 1861, the Civil War intervened and prevented the opening of the school until the fall of 1865. Prof. Rogers became the first president, and under his leadership the institute gained constantly in strength. In 1870 President Rogers was succeeded by Professor Runkle, who served in that capacity until 1878, when President Rogers again took control, although in feeble health at the time, until a suitable person could be found to relieve him.

To choose a new leader was no easy task, but in 1881, at the urgent request of President Rogers, General Walker consented to resign his professorship at Yale, in order to accept his new and more difficult position. That President Rogers' choice was a wise and fortunate one has been clearly shown, and, after his decease the following year, the growth of the institute, both in equipment and number of students, was phenomenal.

Without belittling the influence of his predecessors and their coworkers upon the growth and development of the institute, or disparaging their efforts in guiding it through the inevitable vicissitudes of its earlier periods, it remained for General Francis Amasa Walker to put the institute on a plane with the older and more



ROGERS AND WALKER BUILDINGS, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

renowned seats of education both at home and abroad. Born in 1840, General Walker graduated from Amherst at the age of twenty, a Phi Beta Kappa man, and a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He was essentially a college-bred man. He did not confine himself to the strict duties that the prescribed course of studies levied upon him, but sought recreation in athletics, debating and chess. He was a thorough believer in the upbuilding of the body as well as the training and development of the mind. He never allowed his time to be taken up to such an extent that his social obligations were forgotten. Courteous and affable, he was, as President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, beloved by each individual member of the student body. The noise and bustle of the busy corridor in Rogers Building never caused him to close the door of his private office. On the contrary, it was ever ajar, bidding the passing student enter, either for a friendly chat, or, perchance, to ease his mind of some difficulty that may have beset him. In fact, General Walker was not only president of a great institution, but the personal friend and adviser to each of the twelve hundred students that attended the institute at the time of his death in 1897. His courteous bearing, strength of character and intellect, and lovable disposition, won at once the heart of the entering freshman, and his advice that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was a "place for men to work and not for boys to play," must needs have exercised a considerable influence on the student's career.

Formerly fraternities were not looked upon with much favor at the institute, although as many as three had planted chapters as early as 1885. The life in the fraternity house is the nearest to the real college life that the "Tech" man has at his disposal, owing to the en-

tire absence of dormitories. Besides the chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, established in November, 1892, the following fraternities are at present represented: Sigma Chi, Delta Psi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Beta Epsilon (local), Delta Upsilon, and Phi Gamma Delta. Delta Tau Delta and Theta Xi are more or less active, while Alpha Tau Omega and Theta Delta Chi formerly maintained chapters. Less than seventeen per cent. of the student body belong to active chapters.

The equipment of the institute in buildings and apparatus is unsurpassed, while the numerous libraries are constantly increasing in volumes and pamphlets.

The total increase in the eleven libraries during the past ten years has been upwards of thirty thousand volumes. The location on Copley Square, within easy reach of the Public Library, is a boon to the students at large. The latest building to be erected, and one but recently occupied, was rendered possible by the beneficence of the late Henry L. Pierce, he having bequeathed three-quarters of a million dollars to each of five Massachusetts institutions.

The institute, started originally as a School of Industrial Science, has always kept alive to the necessities of the times by specializing its courses of instruction. For instance, the past decade has witnessed the birth of the courses in Chemical and Sanitary Engineering and Naval Architecture. This fall there has been introduced still another option in the curriculum, that of Electro-Chemistry. The course in General Studies, which is intended more as a training for the student, in order to prepare him for further study, gives, however, a certain finish to a man's education which could never be regretted.

There is undoubtedly less sentiment at "Tech" than at the average American college, but the associations

connected with the Rogers Building will always be cherished, especially by the old graduates. The reputation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been largely earned by the achievements of its graduates, but one must not forget that the past presidents and the personnel of the instructing staff have been in a large measure the foundation of it all.

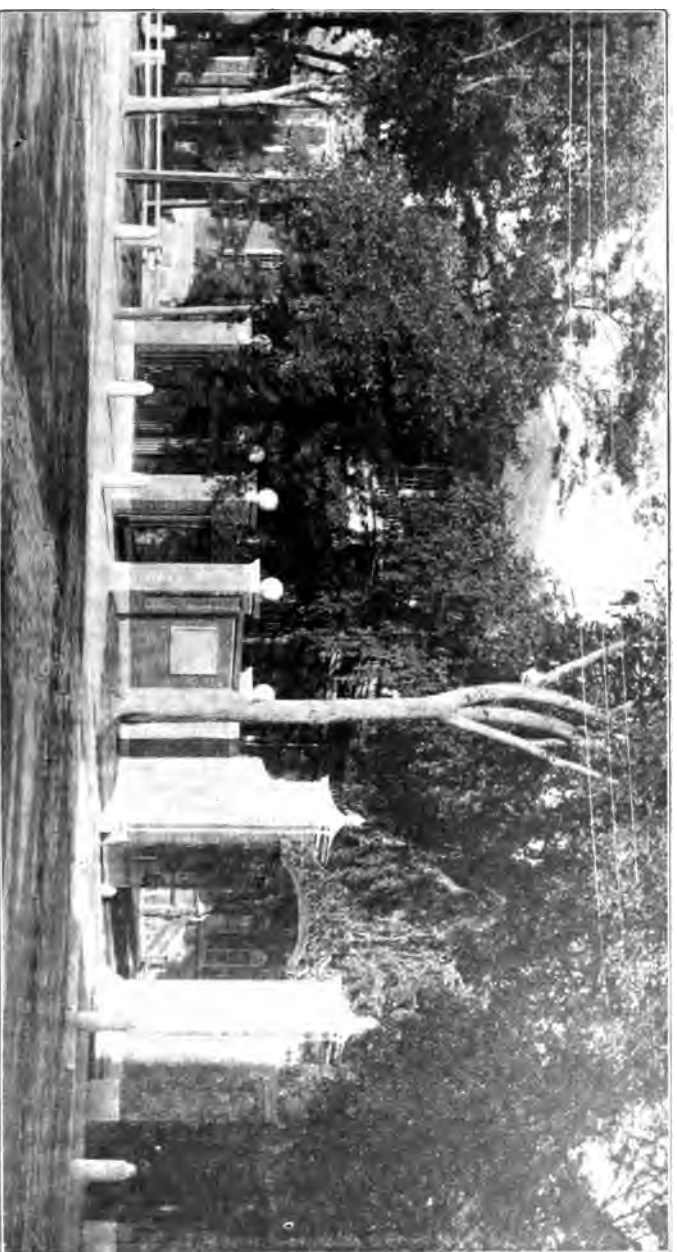
LUZERNE S. COWLES.

Massachusetts Iota-Tau, '97.

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#### HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

To the man who swings off from a Boston car at Harvard Square, and walks through the various quadrangles of Harvard University, thickly shaded as they are by the foliage of large elm trees, and bordered by numerous brick and stone buildings, some of them though old and weather-beaten, yet impressing one as firm and strong because of the good proportions of their lines, the university must seem an institution of many sides and interests. There are chemical laboratories, laboratories for physics, divinity and law buildings, the college library (in number of volumes the third largest in this country), minor and special libraries, and engineering buildings; in short there are buildings and libraries for research in all the branches of modern educational work. This first feeling, that the university embraces many interests, is perfectly correct. Indeed, the place is an institution made up of a countless number of individual interests from all parts of this country and of the world, men coming from China, Japan and the different countries of Europe. The place is strongly cosmopolitan, with a strong strain of the old puritanical influence still existing and exercising a certain power upon this diverse world-spirit. You understand this,



THE HARVARD GATE.

and you understand what a varied body the 4,200 students at Harvard must be.

Consider these 4,200 men with their different interests and aims, and you perceive the number of bodies or sects into which the university is divided: There are undergraduates in the academic department who look upon life with feelings and impulses yet unrestrained by rules, habits and the sober knowledge of the practicability of things; there are the professional men, working with a soberness and doggedness that comes from a fixed purpose and the strain of competition; there are the men who are back for special research work, men whose lives are often entirely wrapped in study. Out of all these bodies of men, whose ideas diverge so widely, is welded Harvard University.

You can scarcely be interested with details of the organization by which the faculty control and govern this diversified body of men. Suffice it to say, there is the central governing board, responsible to a large body, advisory in its nature; and under the control of this central board exist the various boards which govern the college proper, and the professional departments of law, medicine, etc., which make the institution a university.

Among the students there is no such well-defined system to bring unity into the mass. First and foremost, exercising a predominating influence in social intercourse, athletics, and spirit for Harvard, is the undergraduate body of 2,800 students. They are a well defined, united body, freely intermingling among themselves. For the last ten years the organization of athletics and of the social relations has been changing to meet the needs of a rapidly increasing number of undergraduates. The system of athletics is under the charge of a board, the members of which are composed of an equal number of faculty members, graduates of

the university, and undergraduates. Interest in baseball and football is kept at white heat by competitions between scrub teams composed of students who wish to join in such contests. The rowing interest is maintained by the rivalry of two boat clubs, the Weld and Newell, from whose crews the varsity eight is picked after a series of inter-club matches. There still exists the old system of class games in baseball, football, and on the track ; but the key-note of athletics is athletics for all. By the payment of five dollars a student is admitted to all the home athletic contests, and becomes a member of one of the rowing clubs. A student is forced by the facilities so cheaply offered him to become interested and active in athletics.

This same spirit prevails in the social relations. There is in process of construction an immense university club-house. By the payment of a mere nominal fee students of the university become members of this club. This university club will accomplish what the new system of athletics is doing in its line ; the undergraduates must meet and intermix, the personal interest of man in man must be increased and sustained in a manner which no number of individual clubs, no matter how numerous, can accomplish. Working in much the same line, but in less extended fields, are the numerous local clubs, the college fraternities, the inter-class debating clubs, and the religious organizations. Thus the undergraduate body, along social and athletic lines, unites itself into a mass with a common interest and with a loyal and firm college spirit.

It is easy to see how the graduate and professional body is joined in university interests to the undergraduate body. The mere existence of such a body of under-



that the greater proportion of men in these departments, fully one-half, are graduates of Harvard College must necessarily preserve a harmony and commonality of interest between themselves and the undergraduates, counteracting the tendency to diverge which would result from the different aims in life of the two bodies.

We have, so to speak, but cast a first glance at Harvard, a glance which has shown us a university embracing a very numerous diversion of interests and aims in life—necessarily resulting from the wide area from which Harvard draws her students. This marked variance in the characters of its members is a strong characteristic of the university. We have snatched a rapid glance at the organization of the university, and caught a glimpse of how Harvard exists as a strong unit and remains like the other American colleges. And yet after all, she is much like the outside world, more so than other colleges in this country, for a man to be somebody must rise largely through his own efforts; he cannot drift into a position. The university is too large to have the intimate relationship between all its members that exists in a large family or a small college. And it is because of this peculiarity that there is a good opportunity for successful fraternity work at Harvard. The fraternity with its warm friendship, offers a rest and pleasant haven from the exhaustion of so many competing interests of such a large body of men.

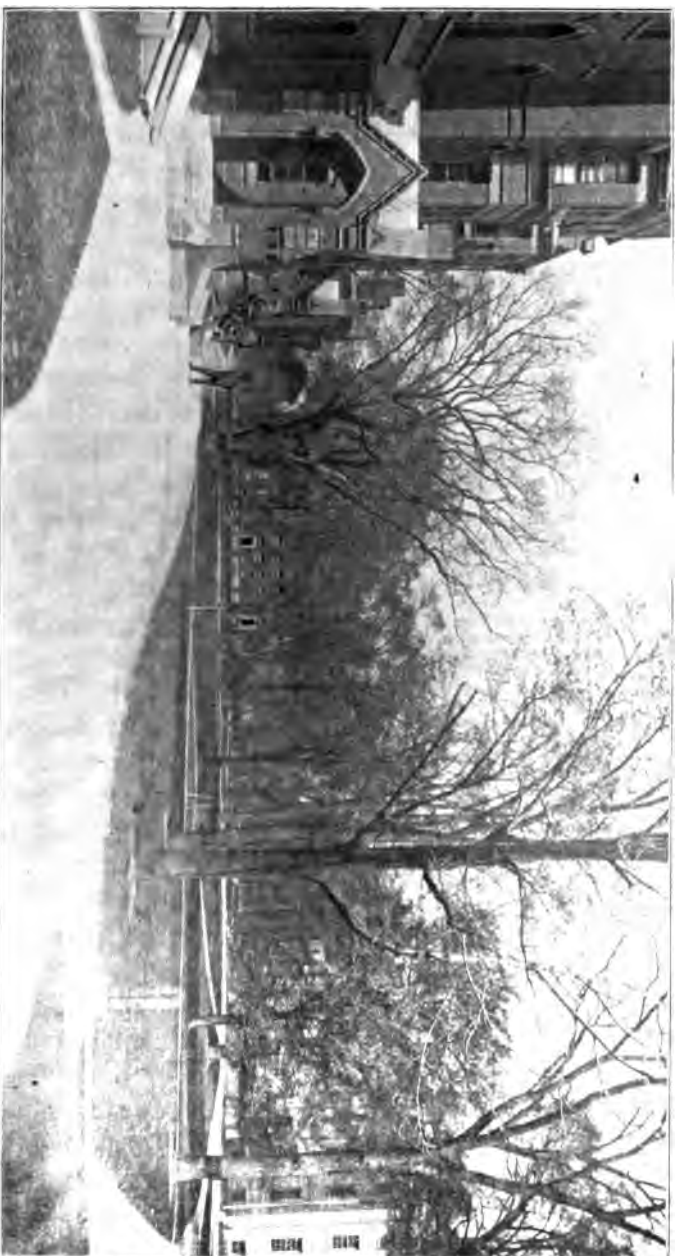
R. A. BIDWELL.

Massachusetts Gamma, '99.

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#### "WORCESTER TECH."

The Worcester Polytechnic Institute was founded by John Boynton of Templeton, in 1865. On May first of that year, in a letter of gift, he declared his intention of



HARVARD UNIVERSITY. THE YARD.

setting apart the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for the endowment and perpetual support of the school. The new institute was chartered by the legislature of Massachusetts on May 10, 1865, and it was opened for the reception of students on November 12, 1868. Since then the institute has received the hearty support of other friends, and by their gifts the various endowment funds have increased to many times the original value.

One of the very first schools of its class in the country in order of establishment, it was also one of the very first to recognize the value of the then little thought of "laboratory" methods of instruction and to apply these successfully. In all the courses the aim has been to combine with the abstract and theoretical conceptions of the class-room that practical grasp of the subject which can be obtained only by personal contact with working conditions, and the courses in "shop practice," etc., have for this reason been unique among technical institutions. At the same time this development of the practical side has not been allowed to cause neglect of the more liberal subjects, and the excellence of the all-round equipment possessed by a graduate is testified to by the character of the positions now held by the eight hundred or more alumni.

There are at present upward of two hundred and fifty students at the institute, divided among the five courses, Mechanical, Civil and Electrical Engineering, Chemistry and General Scientific, and the faculty, Dr. T. C. Mendenhall, president, and corps of instruction numbers thirty-three.

The institute is located within extensive grounds on what is generally known as "Tech Hill," and the buildings are seven in number, composing lecture and recitation halls, laboratories, shops, etc., while a new building for the accommodation of the offices of admin-



WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE FROM 2 A E HIGH ST.

istration, the libraries and a gymnasium will probably be built in the near future. There are no dormitories, the students from away finding accommodations at numerous boarding-houses in the vicinity.

Concerning fraternities, two are represented, Phi Gamma Delta in its Phi-Iota chapter, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon in its Massachusetts Delta chapter.

ROBERT F. COGGESHALL.

Massachusetts Delta, '01.

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**CHARLES A. COLLIER.**

Scarcely had the fraternity recovered from the shock caused by the death of Brother William L. Wilson, when the news was received that Charles A. Collier, one of the most potent factors in the upbuilding of the new South, and a contemporary of Brother Wilson, was dead.

There has not been a movement towards the development of the industrial resources of our country during the past twenty years in which his name does not appear as a leader.

Conceiving the idea of giving a more tangible form to his efforts, he inaugurated the series of "Cotton States and International Expositions," which have made his name immortal in the history of his country. At the most famous of these held in Atlanta, in the year 1895, he paid his fraternity the compliment of setting aside a day called *S' A E* day, and addressed the gathering of Sig Alphas in the auditorium.

Brother Collier grew with Atlanta. He was born in the little village from which the Gate City sprung in 1846, and received his elementary education there. When he was eighteen years of age he entered the State University at Athens and there he became identified with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was connected

with Georgia Beta when it was the Grand Chapter of the fraternity, and his name will be found on a great many charters issued at that time.

He came back to Atlanta when he had finished college and began the practice of law. The citizens at once recognized his ability as a leader, and many municipal affairs were entrusted to him. It is generally conceded that he was the most progressive mayor Atlanta ever had.

Through all of the honors that were showered upon him his conduct was without parade or ostentation. His actions spoke for themselves, a full exemplification of what Sallust said of Cato, *Esse quam videri*.

But how untimely was his death.

“ Like other tyrants Death delights to smite  
What, smitten, most proclaims the pride of pow'r  
And arbitrary nod. His joy supreme  
To bid the wretch survive the fortunate ;  
The feeble wrap the athletic in his shroud ;  
And weeping fathers build their children's tomb.”

FLOYD CHARLES FURLOW.

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#### GEORGE HERBERT BUNTING.

A GLANCE AT THE MEN AND TIMES WHICH MADE Σ A E TRULY  
NATIONAL.

In the appointment of George Herbert Bunting, of Kansas City, as President of Zeta Province, the Supreme Council has acted wisely. No better selection could have been made. It will be accepted as a pledge of prosperity in Province affairs since the name of Bunting has always proven the synonym for progress in the domains of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It is fitting, too, that alumni of this type, who have qualified themselves by long and devoted service in fraternity councils and in fraternity work, should not be allowed to drop out of active responsibilities, for surely the wisdom of experience counts for as much in fraternity management as in mer-

cantile or professional life. There was a day when *Σ Α Ε* depended too largely upon the immature judgment of undergraduates for framing policy—back in the 80's—and it was not uncommon then for one convention to quite reverse the decrees of the preceding convention; for policy one year to be not the policy of a year later; when, indeed, all but a handful of the delegates each year would be new men and well-nigh unschooled and untried in fraternity affairs. That condition was happily, outgrown and with the change came conservatism and better wisdom without sacrificing the indefatigable energy of the newer zealots. Let us keep old wheel-horses of the Bunting stripe long in the service, for there is much value in intimate contact with fraternity management through more than one decade.

Mr. Bunting is frequently referred to in gatherings of veteran Sig Alphas as the type of the fraternity men who ushered in and maintained the “hustler” school of Greek diplomats and warriors—a gallant band of heroes who schemed, worked, and fought as one man for the supremacy of *Σ Α Ε* from 1881 to 1895—a seeming anachronism among classic Greek traditions, as far as the name goes, yet one of the marvels of Greek-letter society history. This chapter of fraternity history has yet to be written; we are perhaps too near it still to give full value to its influences—to view its wants of conservatism upon occasions and chance errors with full appreciation of the obstacles which were overcome and the permanent progress which the time recorded; but one day this will be written—such names as Alexander Jefferson Smith, William Guerrey and James G. Glass will open the epoch, and of the succeeding premises and field marshals, who, despite opposition, developed the extension policy and carried the fraternity banner throughout the union, no name will be written higher

r actual accomplishments than that of George Herbert Bunting. It is hard to differentiate the services rendered *A E* by this gallant alumnus from the equally con-



GEORGE HERBERT BUNTING.

scious work of his brother, Harry Stanhope Bunting, completely one were both diplomats in all they did promote the state of the order. Yet one exploit alone will tell much of the man and more of a time which will come no more forever.



Around camp-fires of national conventions to-day our hosts delight to hear recounted stories of the days when certain trusted and experienced leaders in fraternity work roamed the country possessing letters of reprisal on the "barbaric" world, and whenever and wherever a suitable citadel was found in the college world, so the story goes, the banner of purple and gold was run up and *Σ Α Ε*'s battlements extended. This sounds like convention entertainment, doubtless, but there is a show of truth in it. The Buntings were among those whom tradition says carried commissions from the Supreme Council "to extend" whenever the right time appeared. There was a charter ready when occasion demanded. Perhaps it was not carried around blank, as the veterans have it, to be filled in when needed; but when the extension enthusiast of this "hustler" régime saw a bright light, having applied for his commission long in advance, he did not fall down upon his face blinded, but advanced and claimed the prize in the name of our patron goddess.

One day toward the close of "hustler" epoch, Mr. Bunting bid the Atlanta alumni farewell, saying he meant to rejuvenate *Σ Α Ε* in the southwest. Affairs there were truly in a bad way. Both chapters were dead in Missouri, there was no chapter in Louisiana or Arkansas, while Mississippi and Texas were in desuetude and could not be got into activity. Brother Bunting was absent nearly three weeks. Before he got back the dead embers of discord had been crushed away at the University of Missouri and Missouri Alpha awoke into a newness of life; the errors on injudicious founding had been retrieved at Washington University, and Missouri Beta became really started off in her first career—both chapters having continued strong and active ever since—while a new state had been added to the *Σ Α Ε*

constellation with the establishment of Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon at the Arkansas Polytechnic Institute. It may not seem like a Herculean task merely to install three chapters in three weeks, but Mr. Bunting did more than that; he founded them all in that time, having first to discover the men he needed to carry out his purposes, then to meet and investigate them and satisfy himself of their fitnesses, then to persuade them to undertake the responsibilities he had mapped out for them, then install the chapter, and, lastly, but with great care and earnestness to instruct the new zealots in the wisdom and policy necessary to develop a new chapter. Such a task, I am willing to aver, was never before done by any officer of any fraternity in any such time, nor will be. With the complete change in fraternity management which has ensued it will never be repeated. When one thinks it out as a problem all undone, a tangle to be worked out from nothing—or worse than nothing—where chapter management and factional fights had left behind a harder task of reorganization than would be met in a virgin field, the feat looks impossible; but the brilliant career of all three chapters since shows how well Mr. Bunting's genius of organization performed this ambitious work.

Yet that is not all. As surely as he carried the sword of fraternity zeal into Arkansas and Missouri, so would he have redeemed all the other States of that group had he been able to get enough extension of time from his business then. As it was he could but make a brief stop in Louisiana—long enough to form his purposes of future conquest—and upon a subsequent day he returned to raise our banner a second time over the Louisiana State University, which he did in as conspicuous a victory as marked his preceding conquests. This brought Louisiana back to the *N J E* fold. Brother Bunting

was meanwhile bending energy to secure a proper entrance at Tulane University, and later figured again as a co-founder of Louisiana Tau-Upsilon. Moreover, he visited the chapters in Mississippi and Texas in the course of later travels, and did much, no doubt, to inspire them both with the zeal of action. So George H. Bunting is conspicuously the alumnus who has moulded the destinies of *Σ Α Ε* in the lower Mississippi Valley, having, indeed, founded or re-established every chapter in his province save one—at the University of Nebraska. How fitting, then, that he should be put on guard as the responsible head of his province, now that he has taken up his residence in it.

Besides this territory, Mr. Bunting has laurels for chapter establishments and for assistance rendered in chapter development in other States wherever he has dwelt or traveled. In 1892 he was instrumental in founding Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta at Pennsylvania State College, and is recorded as a joint-founder of that chapter with Brother H. H. Cowan. In the following autumn, in conjunction with his brother, he re-established Georgia Epsilon at Emory College—the chapter of Alexander Jefferson Smith—which in the early 80's had been the chief source of the extension and development doctrines, and, while the youngest, had become among the most active chapters, and, as history proves, most influential in shaping fraternity policy. While dwelling in Nashville he was closely connected with the Vanderbilt chapter and attended all its meetings; during his residence in Atlanta he sustained even closer relations to the Georgia Technology chapter, and in Chicago he was closely concerned in the affairs of our Northwestern chapter. His work in the alumni associations of these cities was conspicuous. He served as president of the Chicago association. Several times he has been a

delegate to national and province conventions. This new appointment is his second term of service as a province president. The Pittsburgh convention of 1893 placed him at the head of Gamma Province, whose destinies he directed with characteristic zeal and progressiveness. He has also been mentioned prominently in connection with the election of the office of Eminent Supreme Archon, but despite his continuous diligent work for the order, avowed to his friends on occasion that he was too busy to become a candidate for that responsibility.

Aside from his activity in these channels, Mr. Bunting would have gone into *Σ A E* history for his work as joint founder of the *Hustler*, now rechristened *Phi Alpha*, which he and his brother started off for the fraternity as a volunteer effort upon entirely unique lines in 1892. This journal was a 48-page secret publication issued from Atlanta, a marvel of typographical perfection and beauty, ably and specially written, full of fraternity policy concerning finance, extension, chapter management, "spiking," discipline and statistics, as newsy withal as a daily paper, indefatigable in advocacy of national extension and the strictest business management of fraternity affairs. This organ gave the generation of "hustlers" a ready and effective method of communication; it gave the fraternity an opportunity to discuss internal affairs to a conclusion between conventions; so that the prosperity and advancements of ensuing years for *Σ A E* has been due—not in small measure, I believe, to this meteoric phenomenon of fraternity journalism—first the Buntings' inimitable *Hustler*, later the personal organ of our Eminent Archons, and still our stable institution, *Phi Alpha*—long may it wave.

George Herbert Bunting was born at Galveston, Texas, October 17, 1873. He is one of a line of Sig Alphas,

his father and three brothers preceding him in membership, all having been initiated by the same chapter, Tennessee Zeta. The fifth of the line entered the Southwestern Presbyterian University with sophomore rank in 1890, and became identified, owing to previous good coaching and native precociousness, with national fraternity work almost the day he was initiated. It is told of him that he knew Baird's Manual from cover to cover while preparing for college under private tutorage and waiting patiently for the age limit to go to college. This is the stuff the old line "hustlers" were made of. May their tribe increase.

In college life Mr. Bunting was prominent. He was a star in baseball and football; winner of long-distance track events; prominent in his debating society, and connected with the college journal in both editorial and managerial capacities.

The death of his father, the Rev. Dr. R. F. Bunting, next year caused Mr. Bunting to withdraw from college temporarily, but so long did family business demand his attention that he at length concluded not to return for his degree. He entered business in Atlanta, where he spent two years in the employ of the Oglesby Grocery Co. In 1894 he went to Chicago in the employment of the Monarch Cycle Company, climbing in three years to assistant manager of that establishment. In 1897 he removed to Kansas City to enter the live stock commission business as vice-president of the Shaeffer-Bunting Live Stock Company. Here as office man he had full charge of the financial policy of the firm, which in a single year had loaned \$800,000 on western cattle. Profits were good, but risks were heavy, owing to the methods of that business, and Brother Bunting's conservatism moved him to sell out his interests at the beginning of this year. Immediately afterwards he con-

nected himself with Swift & Co., the packers, and is now manager of the canned meat, soap, beef extracts and advertising departments of that gigantic plant at Kansas City.

It happens happily that a dozen of the most loyal Kansas City *Σ A E*'s are men whom Mr. Bunting initiated into the fraternity while reviving the Missouri chapters, so that now in his adopted city he is surrounded by a lot of good friends and brethren who feel grateful to him for the privilege of wearing the diamond emblem. It is said, too, that at more than one dance at the Bonaventure our boys gather in the smoking-room to hold an *Σ A E* love-feast and toast Brother Bunting, the man, and his efforts for their weal and Sigma Alpha Epsilon's in Missouri. Yours in bond of purple and gold,

CLAUDE EUGENE BUCHANAN,

Atlanta Alumni Association.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 13, 1900.

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#### FRATERNITY LIFE AT CALIFORNIA.

Among the many colleges and universities, great and small, of the Eastern, Southern and Middle Western States, comparatively little is known about our great institution out here on the shores of the Pacific. We of the West do not feel that our brother collegians beyond the Rockies either realize or recognize the position that California is assuming in the rank of American universities. Although a great step has been made in publishing the fame of the university through the Phebe Hearst Architectural Competition, recently completed, this is only general knowledge and of no especial interest in the eyes of the Greek world. It is then for the benefit of Eastern fraternity men that we pub-



CHAPTER-HOUSE OF CALIFORNIA BETA, BERKELEY, CAL.

lish this sketch of fraternities and fraternity life at California.

The conditions at Berkeley are altogether favorable to the growth of the fraternity system. The dormitory system, prevalent in many of the older colleges of the East, has never had any place here; consequently the fraternity house as a home for students has flourished. Furthermore, we have a faculty, board of regents and a president himself who are wholly favorable to the growth of fraternities.

With such fostering conditions it is not remarkable that fraternity life at California plays as large a part in the greater life of the university as at Cornell or Ann Arbor.

Out of the present attendance of two thousand three hundred odd students 15.6 per cent. are Greeks. In the university proper there are at present nineteen national Greek-letter organizations, besides six in the affiliated colleges of medicine, law, and dentistry in San Francisco. Besides these the sophomore society of *Θ Ν Ε*, the honorary society of *Φ Β Κ*, and a local upper class society, the Skull and Keys, exist.

The percentage of fraternity men in the enrollment of the university does not adequately express the power of this element in the student body. The strife " 'twixt Greek and Barb," as Brother Levere has it, is fully as keen at California as at Northwestern. But at present the Greek is on top. Of the offices of trust and honor about college, as well as of the stock of athletic laurels, the fraternity men enjoy the majority.

The salaried position of graduate manager of student activities is held by Reno Hutchinson, a *Β Θ ΙΙ*; a Beta also fills the presidency of the Associated Students. The baseball managers for the last two seasons have been Sig Alphas. Last year the captain of the fresh-





SIGMA CHI.



KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

CHAPTER-HOUSES AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.



DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.



ZETA PSI.

CHAPTER-HOUSES AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA..

man football team, the only class team in the university, was a  $\Sigma A E$ , the captain of the varsity a  $K A$ . This year the captain of the freshie team is a  $\Phi K \Psi$ , of the varsity a  $X \Phi$ .

On last year's varsity the following fraternities were represented:  $X \Phi$ ,  $J K E$ ,  $\Sigma N$ ,  $K A$ , and  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

This year's varsity not being picked yet, it is impossible to give the fraternities represented. Of the track team which represented California in the East last summer, the following were fraternity men; Moser,  $K A$ , Hoffman,  $B \theta H$ , Walsh,  $K A$ , Plaw, the champion in the hammer throw,  $\Phi I J$ , and Hamlin  $K A$ .

TABLE COMPILED MAY, 1900.

Fraternity.	Established.	Active Members.
Zeta Psi .....	1870	14
Chi Phi .....	1875	11
Delta Kappa Epsilon .....	1876	25
Beta Theta Pi .....	1879	18
Phi Delta Theta .....	1873	16
Sigma Chi .....	1886	8
Phi Gamma Delta .....	1886	15
Sigma Nu .....	1892	12
Sigma Alpha Epsilon .....	1894	20
Chi Psi .....	1895	6
Kappa Alpha (Southern) .....	1895	12
Delta Upsilon .....	1896	24
Delta Tau Delta .....	1898	17
Phi Kappa Psi .....	1899	17
Alpha Tau Omega .....	1900	12
Phi Delta Phi (Legal) .....	1883	14
Alpha Delta Sigma (Legal) .....	1900	13
Delta Sigma Delta (Dental) .....	1891	18
Xi Psi Phi (Dental) .....	1894	25
Zeta Omicron (Medical) .....	1896	18
Alpha Kappa Kappa (Medical) .....	1899	17
Kappa Alpha Theta .....	1870	17
Gamma Phi Beta .....	1894	20
Kappa Kappa Gamma .....	*1880	18
Delta Delta Delta .....	1900	9
Pi Beta Phi .....	1900	10

\* Reestablished 1897.

Among the fraternities, aside from the rivalries of

the rushing season, there exists, as a rule, the utmost feeling of goodfellowship and *esprit de corps*. Friendly smokers given by the men and dainty teas frequently tendered by the sorority girls serve to keep the fraternities shoulder to shoulder in the work of carrying the war into the enemies' country.

California Beta.

ROBERT W. RITCHIE.

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#### PROVINCE THETA CONVENTION.

It becomes my pleasant duty to give to all Sigs, through THE RECORD, a brief account of the First Biennial Convention of Province Theta, held in Austin, Texas, on November first and second, 1900. While I realize that I am but poorly fitted for the undertaking, I can but seize the opportunity for showing, in this small way, some of my appreciation for the many kindnesses received at the hands of the local chapter.

The Convention was one continuous ovation, and all who attended were unanimous in conceding the local chapter the palm as hosts, and I might add, as hostesses, for Texas Rho glories in the possession of two sisters as loyal and true as become *Σ Α Ε's*.

The first business session of the Convention was called to order at noon November first, in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association. Brother Ernest Lee Jahncke being absent on account of illness, the writer was elected chairman. This session was devoted to reports from the various committees and questions of interest to the province. The reports from the four chapters in this province showed that Province Theta is in a most flourishing condition. A telegram was received from Brother Jahncke, expressing his regrets at not being able to attend, and a resolution of condolence was unanimously passed at his inability to be present. At

the close of this session the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. invited and urged all visitors and delegates to the Convention to avail themselves during their visit to Austin of all the privileges of the association. This announcement was received with hearty cheers and a vote of thanks. At 4 o'clock the Convention adjourned to the following afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Promptly at 2 P. M. the Convention reconvened. This day's session was devoted mainly to the election of officers and the selection of the place of holding the next Convention. The election of officers for the ensuing two years resulted as follows: Province President, Jas. W. McClendon of Austin, Texas; Province Vice-President, G. K. Pratt of Baton Rouge, La.; Province Secretary, H. M. Roberts of New Orleans, La. The next Convention, as it was determined, will be held at Baton Rouge, La., on March 11th and 12th, 1902. After resolutions of thanks to the local press the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

The social functions of the Convention consisted of a cotillion, given on the night of the first by the local chapter to the delegates and visitors. That german—I simply can not describe it.

“There was music there was dancing.  
And the sight was most entrancing.”

During the intermission delicious refreshments were served, after which we made the rafters ring with old “Phi Alpha Alicazee,” etc.; and after “Home, Sweet Home,” the visitors gathered together and gave nine lusty rahs for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Each person who attended was presented with a beautiful souvenir program, the cover of which was royal purple, upon which was embossed in gold the badge of  $\Sigma A E$ , and under this in embossed gold letters were the words “Texas Rho to Province Theta.” The music was delightful,

the weather—although in Texas—could not have been more perfect, and the girls were most bewitching. That the invited guests were most enjoyably entertained was attested by the repeated encores, which the obliging orchestra invariably responded to ; and I feel safe in saying that there were not a few who left that night with pangs of regret that they were not *Σ Α Ε*'s.

The banquet at the Driskill on the night of the second closed the Convention. I can say without fear of successful contradiction, that all there congratulated themselves that they attended. The menu cards were emblematic of the fraternity, the cover being of royal purple, upon which was embossed the coat of arms of the fraternity in gold. In the absence of Brother Jahncke, Brother H. Y. Benedict acted as toast-master, and the following toasts were responded to :

Province Theta .....	James W. McClendon.
Σ Α Ε North and South .....	Frank H. Welch.
Our Vitising Brothers .....	W. M. Odell.
The Ladies .....	R. W. Shipp.
William the Conqueror .....	E. D. Conner.
Good Night .....	Dudley K. Woodward.

The following delegates represented the four chapters in Theta Province in the Convention :

Louisiana State University, W. M. Odell.  
 Tulane University, R. W. Shipp.  
 University of Mississippi, Frank H. Welch.  
 University of Texas, P. J. Shaver.

R. W. SHIPP.

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#### AUBURNDALE.

On November 17th the Boston chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon held their semiannual initiation and dinner at the Woodland Park Hotel, at Auburndale. The active members with their initiates and a few of the alumni

met in Boston early in the afternoon and went by train to Auburndale, and in the evening came more of the alumni to swell the numbers. Massachusetts Delta was unable to be represented as a chapter, though enough of the alumni was present to make it a Province Alpha affair.

The march from the railroad station to the hotel was interesting as usual, especially at Lasell, where a large number of young ladies were anxiously waiting the appearance of the initiates. One of the features at that place was an intercollegiate hurdle-race between the initiates of the three chapters, suit cases being used for hurdles, and the athletes being urged to their best efforts by the presence of the fair spectators.

At the hotel the afternoon passed quickly and pleasantly for all concerned, except the initiates, and all were ready for the dinner long before the dinner was ready for them. At seven o'clock the Boston Alumni Association held a business meeting in one of the parlors of the hotel, and at eight o'clock ninety-three men sat down to the eighteenth Auburndale dinner.

The toast-master for the occasion was our Eminent Supreme Recorder, Edward Harmon Virgin, and all who know him, know that the position was well filled. A feature of the speaking, which must have been impressive to the new members of the fraternity, was the fact that nine chapters of the fraternity were represented by the speakers, those outside of Province Alpha being Virginia Omicron, North Carolina Theta, Ohio Epsilon, Tennessee Zeta and Colorado Chi.

At midnight special cars were in waiting to take the men to Cambridge and Boston and the members separated, vowing one and all to be on hand in December for the National Convention.

**WILLIAM W. BRANDON.**

One of the most brilliant young politicians in Alabama to-day is William W. Brandon of Tuscaloosa. It is with just pride that Sigma Alpha Epsilon claims him as one of her truest and most loyal sons.

Brandon was born in Talladega, Ala., in June, 1868. He is a son of a Methodist preacher, so he lived in no one place more than four years until he left the parental roof and began life for himself. This was when he was sixteen years old. Since that time he has, by his courage, tenacity and sterling worth, steadily worked himself to his present high position in the political and social world. What he has accomplished has been by his own endeavors; he is a self-made man.

Brandon entered the law department of the University of Alabama in 1891, and soon after became a Sig Alph. His soul-stirring and enthusiastic speeches in the chapter meeting are to-day a tradition of "Mother Mu," and the memory of them will remain in the minds and hearts of chapters at the old University of Alabama for years to come. Graduating in law in 1892, he immediately began the practice of his profession in Tuscaloosa.

Brandon is not only a lawyer, but he is a soldier also. He was for several years captain of the famous Warrior Guards of Tuscaloosa, and as such won several prizes for having the best drilled company in the State, for being the finest officer of the Alabama National Guard, and for being the most popular officer at the encampments. When the Spanish-American war broke out, and volunteers were called for, Brandon and his company were the first in Alabama to offer their services to their country. Soon after being mustered in, Brandon was promoted to Major of the Second Alabama, U. S. V.,





WILLIAM W. BRANDON.

which position he held until mustered out with his regiment. His record as a soldier was an enviable one. He was easily the most popular officer in the three Alabama volunteer regiments. Soon after being mustered out he was appointed Adjutant-General of the Alabama National Guard, which position he now holds. As an evidence of his popularity and efficiency in that position, at the encampments of the Alabama State Guard this past summer, resolutions praising his ability and efficiency as an officer, and petitioning the governor-elect to reappoint him as adjutant-general of the State, were unanimously passed by the officers of the several regiments.

Not only is Brandon a lawyer and successful soldier, but he is one of the most prominent young statesmen in Alabama. Three times successively has he been elected to represent his county in the General Assembly. He is the present representative. As a legislator and politician he has made a record of which any young man might well be proud. He was the leader and spokesman of the administration in the last legislature. He successfully led the fight in the General Assembly to reconsider and repeal the bill calling a constitutional convention. He has been a member of the State Democratic executive committee. In that capacity, and as a party worker and leader, he has made himself a power in the counsels of the Democratic party in Alabama. But not as a boss or machine manipulator does his power in politics lie; it is in his magnetic personality and his power as an orator that his strength in politics lies. He is a born orator. Magnetic, convincing, soul-stirring words seem to fall from his lips as freely as the crystal stream from a mountain spring. His oratory is transcendent. He holds his audiences spell-bound with the

wonderful witchery of his words and the mellow cadence of his voice.

Though Brandon is a brilliant soldier and magnetic speaker, his genius lies in his power to make friends and keep them. His attractive personality, his charming manner, his sterling manhood, and his rugged honesty draw men to him and make them his friends. Personally, he is one of the most popular men in Alabama. Of him it might well be said :

“ He stood a soldier to the last right end,  
A perfect patriot, and a noble friend.”

It seems strange that such a man should have remained a bachelor until he was thirty-two, yet such is the case. But on June 27, 1900, he married one of Alabama's many charming women. The South has always been noted for the beauty and refinement of her women and the courage and chivalry of her men. Surely no better representatives of the admirable characteristics of the South could be found than Mr. and Mrs. Brandon. Commenting on their wedding, the *Montgomery Journal* says :

“ A marriage of pleasing interest to all Alabamians, and many more besides, was solemnized at Wetumpka to-day. Major W. W. Brandon was wedded to Mrs. Elizabeth Nabors, of Tuscaloosa, the ceremony taking place at the residence of the bride's brother, Rev. W. L. Andrews.

“ The ceremony was an exceedingly quiet one, only a few friends being present. The officiating minister was the bride's brother. The newly married couple leave this afternoon for their home in Tuscaloosa, where they will reside.

“ The notability of the wedding owes nothing to elaborate display or crowded festivities. It is due to the distinguished position which both Major Brandon and

his bride occupy among the cultivated people and prominent families of Alabama. Mrs. Nabors is a daughter of the late eminent divine and educator, Dr. Allan Andrews, long a preacher in the Alabama conference and for many years the president of the Southern University. She was the widow of that other great preacher Dr. R. T. Nabors, who was cut off in the prime of his young life, just as fame and genius had united to place a lasting crown upon his brow. She is a woman in whom is every excellence of character and fine feminine gifts of intellect, united with every female grace and loveliness.

"Mr. Brandon is second to no man of his years in Alabama, whether we consider his energy and vigorous physique, his power to win friends and hold them, his intellectual ability, or those fine qualities of true and courageous manhood which nothing daunts and no man doubts. A flower of knighthood among the able and ambitious young men of Alabama, he has achieved already a distinction that borders on renown, and his pure character assures us that no blight will overtake his rising fame.

"The friends of this young statesman and volunteer soldier have watched his career with pride and satisfaction, and have followed him with eager confidence that his higher aspirations will be realized in good time. They have felt that the gracious influence of a woman's sweet companionship would complete his equipment for that great career on which he has so fairly entered. And now the roses of love are twining with the laurels of worldly success; violets are mingled with the victor's garlands he has won. All happiness and usefulness, the troops of friends and fruitful deeds attend him to the dying day!"

FRANK A. GAMBLE

**EDITORIAL.**

WITH this volume *THE RECORD* completes its twentieth volume. It would be interesting to know how many of our chapters have in their possession bound volumes of *THE RECORD* since its beginning. Of course, the younger chapters could not be expected to have such a valuable collection, but they should at least have in their library all the numbers issued since their founding. If this is not the case, they should set to work immediately to complete their files. Such a set of volumes is of invaluable aid in rushing and in teaching the history of the fraternity to the newly acquired members. There is no time like the present to start this important work, for each succeeding year makes it harder and harder to obtain the numbers of the older volumes. Without doubt, many of the chapters have on hand duplicate copies which they would be willing to exchange for those copies they need to complete their files, and *THE RECORD* will always be glad to print such notices as that from Massachusetts Iota-Tau in the present issue.

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IN this, the last issue of *THE RECORD* before the National Convention, the Editor wishes to thank all those who have helped him during the past year in his work. The Province presidents have done noble work in procuring letters from their chapters and articles of interest for publication. When all have aided so well, it may

seem strange to single out any one man in particular for praise, but the Editor wishes especially to commend the zeal and spirit of one of our hardest workers, George D. Booth, the secretary of Province Epsilon, who has been of great assistance in drumming up delinquent correspondents and in obtaining news of our alumni. We have an honor roll in connection with our finances ; we have another honor roll in connection with THE RECORD. Since the Nashville convention of 1898, the following nineteen chapters have not failed to be represented by a chapter letter in each issue of THE RECORD :

Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon.

Massachusetts Iota-Tau.

Massachusetts Delta.

New York Alpha.

New York Sigma-Phi.

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi.

Pennsylvania Zeta.

Pennsylvania Delta.

North Carolina Xi.

South Carolina Gamma.

Michigan Iota-Beta.

Ohio Epsilon.

Ohio Theta.

Illinois Psi-Omega.

Illinois Beta.

Tennessee Kappa.

Tennessee Zeta.

Alabama Iota.

These chapters are on *THE RECORD*'S honor roll for the past two years. Among the Provinces, Delta carries off the palm, having missed only seven letters out of a possible eighty.

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THE article in the September *RECORD* on "College Fraternities and their Importance," by Brother O. B. Andrews, has called forth considerable criticism from the editors of other fraternity publications. The Editor wishes to explain that the statistics published in that article were compiled as carefully as possible on the basis of information obtained from members of the other fraternities, and though they must necessarily be inaccurate in many particulars, it was thought best to publish them as they were. There seems to be a reluctance on the part of many college fraternities to give statistics concerning their organizations. Such a hesitancy has the appearance of a confession of weakness, for surely if a fraternity is strong, it should not be ashamed to have the fact made known. Any inaccuracies in the list were purely unintentional and will be gladly corrected. There is no better way to learn the truth than to make known one's mistakes and be taught better.

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AT the recent Auburndale dinner, Brother Robert C. Allen, of Massachusetts Delta, in an after-dinner speech, suggested that the National Convention of 1906 ought to be held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It may seem like planning a long way ahead, but a good idea cannot be

uttered too soon. It was in the summer of 1895, at the first Boston mid-summer dinner, that the Editor has the pleasure of proposing that the National Convention of 1900 ought to be held in Boston, and since that time there has been no let-up in Province Alpha in the effort to prepare for that occasion.

In 1906 our fraternity will have completed its first half century. What could be more appropriate than that we should celebrate our fiftieth year by holding our National Convention at the place of our birth? So let us start at once to prepare for "Tuscaloosa in 1906."

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DURING this summer, at the University of Illinois, one of our rival fraternities had an unfortunate experience, and, still more unfortunately, the facts came in the hands of a reporter of one of the Chicago newspapers who wrote an extremely sensational account of the affair for his paper. The Editor would have made no mention of the trouble at all, except for the fact that another fraternity publication, and for that matter, one that should have known better, copied the entire sensational article. It is a pity that any of the college fraternity magazines should thus imitate the dirty methods of the modern "yellow journals." It is to be hoped that the entire Greek press will frown upon such an exhibition of ill-feeling. We are all working for the same purpose, and THE RECORD wishes to make its position



As each National Convention draws near, the one subject talked of as much as any other is the advisability of extension. The growing tendency in Sigma Alpha Epsilon is one of conservatism, and the feeling is that we should strive more for internal development and improvement than to start new chapters. No doubt, a conservative policy is the best policy, but the Editor is of the opinion that we should be conservative in the quality, but not in the quantity of our extension. Let us glance for a moment at our history. If we divide our fraternity life into three arbitrary periods, first, from the founding until 1880, second, from 1880 to 1890, and third, from 1890 to the present time, some very interesting figures present themselves. During the first period, twenty-nine chapters were established, of which fifteen are now dead. During the second period, twenty-seven chapters were established, of which eleven have died. During the last period, twenty-six chapters were established, all of which are alive. This latter period has been one of conservatism. We have not granted charters except to good schools, and we have our reward in our long list of strong chapters. Let us continue this policy of conservatism in this manner, but let us not get the idea that conservatism means that suicidal policy of refusing to establish strong chapters when we have the opportunity.

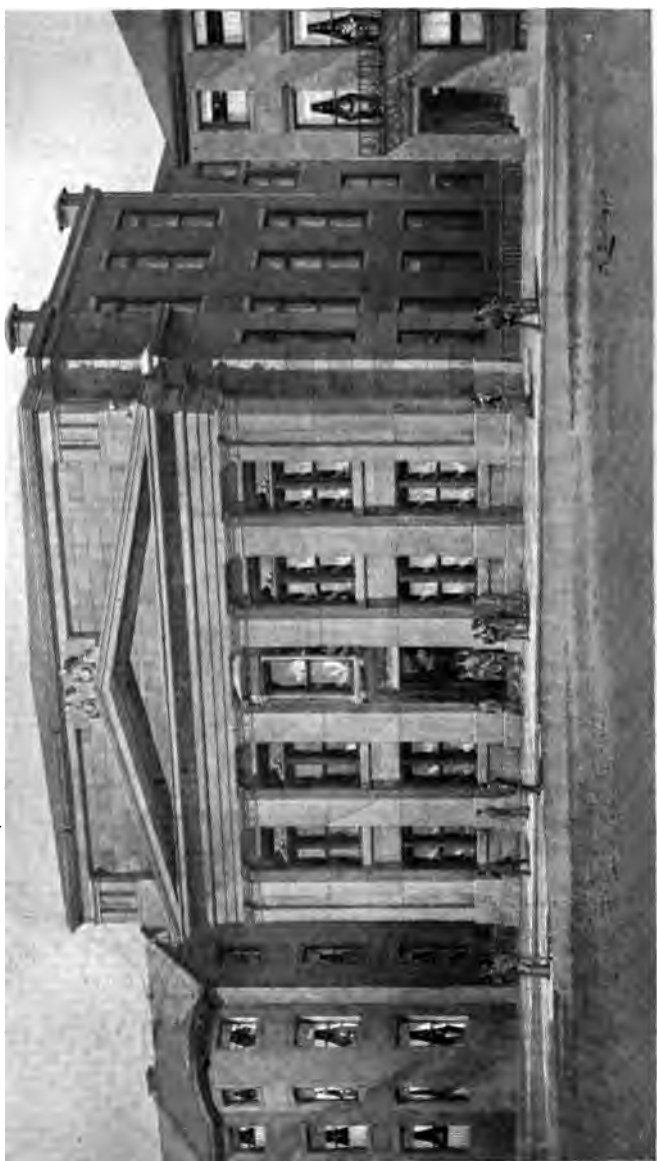
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FOR many years it has been recognized that one of the great needs of our fraternity is a song-book. Several attempts have been made to have one compiled, but

without any real success. One convention appointed a song-book committee, another put the work in the hands of one of our most enthusiastic chapters, but in both cases failure resulted because of the lack of cooperation on the part of the rest of the fraternity. When the advertisement appeared in the March RECORD of Brother Cowan's song-book, there was such a demand for them that the edition was almost immediately sold. The Editor has received letters from alumni all over the country showing their interest in this matter and offering their assistance. It would seem that the time has come when a successful attempt might be made to publish a song-book that would be a credit to the fraternity.



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## NOTICES.

Wanted—the following RECORDS for chapter files: 1895, No. 2, two copies; 1894, No. 1, one copy. All numbers previous to 1894. Please notify me by postal of the numbers on hand and the necessary postage will be sent at once.

This chapter has many old numbers on hand which may be obtained by sending the requisite postage.

458 Mass. Ave.,  
Boston, Mass.

KING H. KNOX,  
Mass. Iota-Tau.

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Chapter letters for the March RECORD should be sent to the Editor on or before February 1st. Follow the form set by letters in this issue, and *be sure to write on one side of the paper only.*

## NEWS AND NOTES.

The engagement is announced of Malcolm Henry Ten Eyck Gall, Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, '97, to Miss Helen Tenney of Methuen, Mass.



The following despatches from the Atlanta *Constitution* relate to the death and burial of Brother G. T. Goetchius.

Brother Goetchius was a member of Georgia Pi of the class of '63, at the "Old Georgia Military Institute," which he attended until he entered the army of the Confederacy. After the close of the war he entered the University of Georgia and was one of the leading spirits in the founding of Georgia Beta :

## DEATH OF DR. G. T. GOETCHIUS.

## Pastor of First Presbyterian Church at Rome Dies.

Dr. George T. Goetchius, the beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, died this morning at 4 o'clock at his home on East Fourth street.

Dr. Goetchius had not been well for several months past, though he had never for one day neglected his pastoral duties, and besides his work in his own church he had lent able assistance to several churches near the city. He held services yesterday afternoon at a church near Rome, and last night before retiring went to the railroad office and purchased a ticket to Tallulah Falls, where he intended spending his vacation.

About 2 o'clock this morning Dr. Goetchius got up to make a light, and as he picked up the match-box he fell to the floor and when reached was found in an unconscious condition. He did not regain consciousness, but died two hours later. The cause of his death is thought to have been apoplexy.

Dr. Goetchius had been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church for about fourteen years, and no man in Rome was more beloved. At the time of his death he was moderator of the Southern Gen-

eral Assembly and clerk of the Georgia Synod. He leaves a wife and three children.

FUNERAL OF DR. GOETCHIUS.

Funeral at Rome Yesterday was Very Impressive.

The funeral of the late Dr. George T. Goetchius was held Sunday morning at 10:30 in the First Presbyterian Church. The building was crowded to its capacity, and a large number were unable to gain admittance. Services in all the other churches were abandoned for the occasion. The floral offerings were very numerous and extremely handsome. The service was conducted by the local pastors. The funeral oration was a tender and exquisite tribute to the life and character of the dead minister. The remains were interred in Myrtle Hill Cemetery.

Rev. George T. Goetchius was born in Columbus, Ga., December 16, 1845. He was the third son of R. K. and Mary Bennett Goetchius of that city. At the age of sixteen he was placed at school in the Georgia Military Academy at Marietta, and joined the Confederate army a year or two later, when the students of the academy enlisted. He served without intermission until the fall of the Confederacy.

At the close of the civil war, or as soon thereafter as the schools were opened, he entered the University of Georgia and graduated in the class of 1868. He then took a full course at the Theological Seminary at Columbia and began his work of the ministry in 1870. He first preached in the churches in and around Clarkesville, Ga., and in 1871 was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Albany, Ga. He subsequently was pastor at Milledgeville and in Augusta, Ga., having charge of the Second Presbyterian Church in the last named city. In 1884 the First Presbyterian Church at Rome, Ga., called him to its pastorate, and till the date of his death he was the able and faithful pastor of that church, which was greatly devoted to him. He stood high in church circles. He was a commissioner for the General Assembly of 1878 at Knoxville, Tenn.; was moderator of the Synod of Georgia for 1883 and was for years clerk of the Synod of Georgia. He was moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1897, when the church celebrated the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Westminster Assembly. The meeting was held at Charlotte, and the session of this assembly is the most historic in the life of the Southern Presbyterian church.

Dr. Goetchius was descended from a long line of ministers, his ancestors being famous in the history of the Dutch Reform Church in America. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie

Wingfield Goetchius, and a son, Mr. Julian Scudder Goetchius, and two daughters—Marie and Lucy.



On Wednesday, September 5, Brother C. E. Buchanan of Georgia Phi, was married to Miss Swift at her home in Atlanta. The following account of the marriage appeared in the *Atlanta Constitution* of September 6:

The wedding last night of Mr. Claud Eugene Buchanan and Miss Corinne Marguerite Swift was an occasion beautiful in ceremony, surrounding and hospitality, and brilliant in attendance and elaborate entertainment.

The bride since her debut has been the belle of a large society of young men and women who were her warm friends, and they surrounded her last night in admiration and affection to witness her marriage with Mr. Buchanan, also a favorite among them, and to extend their congratulations when the ceremony was concluded.

The bride never looked handsomer than in her beautiful bridal toilet of white crepe de chine and rosepoint, the gown exquisitely fashioned and the becoming veil adjusted gracefully with a cluster of diamonds, the gift of the groom. Her bouquet was of roses and lilies of the valley. She entered the front drawing-room at 9 o'clock, with her father, Dr. Huntley, and met the groom and his best man, Mr. George Bunting, of Kansas City, when the ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Wilmer. Miss Lena Swift, the bride's sister, was pretty and charming in her bridesmaid's dress of white mousseline and renaissance lace over pink taffeta, her bouquet of La France roses.

Mrs. Huntley was attractive and handsome in an elegant gown of black lace over white taffeta, with Duchesse lace finish, and the touch of color in green.

The drawing-room in which the marriage took place was decorated in bamboo, the walls and ceiling having an etching of the vine and the long mirror in the background being veiled with it and reflecting a mass of foliage plants. In the hallway and reception rooms there was a profusion of palms and ferns, with the bamboo continued, and an artistic disposal of pink roses. The music and dining-rooms were arranged for dancing, and the broad porch was inclosed and punch was served there. Wurm's orchestra played the wedding music, and after the ceremony the evening was delightfully concluded with a dance and an elegant supper.

The festivity ended at midnight in the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan for an extended tour north. Their popularity was most

apparent in the unusually large number of beautiful wedding presents, among them being a check for \$1,000 from the bride's mother and an elegant case of silver from Mr. Buchanan's business associates.



The following concerns one of the founders of Georgia Epsilon—R. S. Pattillo, '84 :

Mr. R. S. Pattillo, who for nine years has been manager of the Macon mills of the Georgia Cotton Oil Company, will hereafter reside in Atlanta, in consequence of his promotion as assistant to the vice-president of the Georgia Cotton Oil Company and the Alabama Cotton Oil Company. Mr. Pattillo's many Macon friends will deeply regret his departure from this city.



"Grat" Colvin, to whom the accompanying clipping from the Atlanta *Constitution* refers, is a Georgia Beta man of the class of '97.

John Sprunt Hill is an alumnus of North Carolina Xi, University of North Carolina.

#### GRATTAN COLVIN MAKES SPEECHES FOR TAMMANY.

Grattan Colvin, of Atlanta, who has a large number of friends in this city, is rapidly forging his way to the front in New York, where he is now engaged in the practice of law. Since becoming a member of the Atlanta colony in New York Mr. Colvin has become very popular in the great metropolis, and the prominent men there are beginning to recognize his ability.

Being the son of Colonel John A. Colvin, of Atlanta, which means that he is a loyal Irishman and a good Democrat, Mr. Colvin has jumped into New York politics, and last night he delivered his first speech. He spoke in his own district for John S. Hill, the Tammany nominee for Congress.

Mr. Hill is a native of North Carolina, is about thirty-one years of age and is receiving recognition for deserved efforts, as are all other southern men in New York. Mr. Colvin will deliver a series of speeches in behalf of Mr. Hill and will be one of the best known young men in his district after the campaign is over.

In stumping the district for Mr. Hill, Mr. Colvin will also put in a few liks for Bryan. Mr. Colvin was reared in this city. He is a graduate of the Boys' High School of Atlanta, and also of the University of Georgia. Directly after his graduation he went to New York, where he entered the office of a prominent law



firm, and there he is now, except when he is making speeches for Bryan, Hill and Democracy.



Col. Ed. Hines is an alumnus of Georgia Epsilon of the class of '96. He afterward affiliated with Virginia Omicron while taking a law course at the University of Virginia. The clipping is from the *Savannah Morning News*:

HINES ELECTED ORDINARY.

Result of Warmly Contested Race in Baldwin County.

One of the most warmly contested races seen in this county in many days was the three-cornered fight between Col. E. R. Hines, Col. C. T. Crawford and Col. D. S. Sanford to-day for the Democratic nomination for ordinary. From the opening of the polls this morning until the close this afternoon the candidates and their friends were on the hustle.

Col. E. R. Hines was the successful man, winning in the final count by a majority of sixty-three. Mr. Hines is the youngest ordinary that has ever occupied this office in Baldwin county, and his nomination is quite a compliment worthily bestowed.



The following clipping is taken from the *Charlottesville (Va.) Progress* of August 20th :

VERY BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

Miss Antrim Marries Dr. James Lyon—The Presbyterian Church  
Exquisitely Decorated for the Occasion—The  
Beautiful Music Rendered.

A wedding of more than local interest occurred in this city last evening, when Professor James Adair Lyon and Miss Elizabeth Winston Antrim were made man and wife. The event was solemnized at the Presbyterian church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. G. L. Petrie, pastor of the church.

The building was tastefully decorated in white and green, the aisles being covered in white and the pulpit banked with palms and growing flowers. The wedding party entered the church to the strains of the Bridal Chorus from Wagner's *Lohengrin*.

The bride and her sister, Miss Margaret Antrim, who was maid of honor, were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. E. O. Eastwood, one of the groom's Σ A E fraternity brothers.

The ceremony at the church was followed by a reception to the bridal party, relatives and a few intimate friends of the family, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Susan Blair Antrim, where a delightful collation was served.

The blonde beauty of the bride never showed to more advantage than when attired in her wedding gown, which was a creation of white crepe de chine, silk fringe and pearl trimming. The veil was caught with a pearl pin, an heirloom in the family of the bride's mother, and on the bodice of the gown was worn a diamond sunburst and a Z A E fraternity pin, the gift of the groom.

The gown of the maid of honor was pink French organdy elaborately trimmed in lace and ribbon.

The popularity of the couple was attested by the large number of costly and elegant gifts, consisting of solid silver, cut glass, fine china and bric-à-brac, which they have received.

Mrs. Lyon is the daughter of the late Edward M. Antrim and granddaughter of the late John T. Antrim, both influential citizens in this community. Through her mother, Miss Blair of Richmond, she is connected with many of the oldest families in the State.

Professor Lyon has been a student and instructor at the University of Virginia for three years, an enthusiastic member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and has recently been elected to the chair of Physics and Astronomy in Sophie Newcomb College, the woman's department of Tulane University.

After an extensive northern tour, including New York, Niagara Falls, Canada, Thousand Isles and Atlantic City, Professor and Mrs. Lyon will return here for a few days, *en route* to their future home in New Orleans. They will stop in Clarksville, Tenn., to visit the former home of Professor Lyon.



#### TACKLER BREAKS A COLLAR-BONE

In the First Tackle of the Day—Harvard Beats W. P. I. in a Society Game.

[Special Despatch to the Sunday Herald.]

WORCESTER, Dec. 1, 1900.—The annual football game between the Harvard and Worcester Polytechnic Institute chapters of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon society was played at the oval this afternoon. Harvard won by a score of 21 to 0.

Harry Warnock, of Northampton, the Tech quarter-back, had his collar-bone broken in making the first tackle of the game.

## HARVARD.

## POLYTECHNIC.

Langmaid, l. e.	r. e., Norcross (Larkin)
Douglass, l. t.	r. t., Davis
Buckingham, l. g.	r. g., Merriam
Pettingill, c.	c., Perkins
Baker, r. g.	l. g., Brendage
Adams, r. t.	l. t., Harris
Bidwell, r. e.	l. e., Lamb
Millard, d. b.	d. b., Warnock (Norcross)
Rogers, l. h. b.	r. h. b., Williamson
Myers, r. h. b.	l. h. b., Hobbs
Hodgkins, f. b.	f. b., Walters

Score—Harvard 21, Polytechnic 0. Touch-downs—Hodgkins 3, Myers 1. Goal from touch-down—Millard. Umpire—H. G. Irons—Referee—S. C. Willis. Time—20-minute halves.





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## MARRIAGES.

REPORTED BY EDWARD HARMON VIRGIN, E. S. R.

1890, Ohio Sigma.—Hiram Crowl Burger to Nellie Abigail Burns, at Hagerman, O., 31 October, 1900.

1895, North Carolina Theta.—Gaillard Stoney Tennent to Marie Louise Westfeldt, at Fletcher, N. C., 30 August, 1899.

1895, Tennessee Kappa.—Charles W. Metcalfe to Juliet White, at Knoxville, Tenn., 9 October, 1899.

1896, Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon.—William Carl Preé to Adelaide May Kenney, at Boston, Mass., 8 October, 1900.

1896, Massachusetts Gamma.—Charles Valentine Busch to Ann Ferris, at Buffalo, N. Y., 13 December, 1898.

1896, New York Sigma-Phi.—Rev. Charles Grant Clark to Jeanette Elizabeth Gould, at Portland Conn., 14 June, 1900.

1896, Kentucky Iota.—Dan Henry Breedlove to Beauchamp Neely, at Stowers, Ky., 16 October, 1900.

1897, Massachusetts Gamma.—Burton Judson Berry to Grace Ethel Wisner, at Warwick, N. Y., 17 October, 1900.

1897, Massachusetts Gamma.—Henry Audubon Butler to Sarah Grace Heath, at Youngstown, O., 18 October, 1900.

1897, Colorado Chi.—Walter E. White to Edna May Curtis, at Denver, Col., 24 October, 1900.

1898, Massachusetts Gamma.—Ashton Livermore Carr to Clara Elise Vossnach, at Dartmouth, N. S., 23 October, 1900.

1898, Alabama Iota.—Elias Story Noble to Margaret Sewell Burton, at Tallassee, Ala., 30 October, 1900.

1899, Virginia Omicron.—James Adair Lyon to Elizabeth Winston Antrim, at Charlottesville, Va., 10 August, 1900.

1899, Colorado Chi.—Ralph Denio to Julia McKinley, at Idaho Springs, Col., 29 August, 1900.

1900, Pennsylvania Sigma Phi.—Harry Elmer Wahley to Gertrude E. Frank, at Carlisle, Pa., 12 September, 1900.

1893, Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi.—Herbert William Westwood to Mary Patton, at Philadelphia, Pa., 10 October, 1900.

## IN MEMORIAM.

OXFORD, MISS., August 9, 1900.

WHEREAS, It has been in accordance with the will of our heavenly Father, who knoweth what is best, and whose will we should try to do, to take unto himself our much beloved brother, F. Hugh McMurphy, of the class of 1901, and inasmuch as he was near and dear to us on account of his loyalty, his great soul, his worthiness and strict adherence to that which is noble and good; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother McMurphy, Mississippi Gamma has lost one of her most loyal and earnest members.

*Resolved*, That we extend to his parents and friends in their bereavement our deeply-felt sympathy.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be made upon the minutes of our chapter, that a copy be sent to his parents, and that a copy be published in THE RECORD of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

W. N. TEARELL, }  
WM. I. MCKAY, } Committee.  
LEE MATHEWS, }

HOME OF OHIO SIGMA,  
SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON,  
MT. UNION COLLEGE, October 9, 1900.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of our almighty Father to remove from our midst a beloved brother, Edward Clarence Wolfe; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Wolfe, we have lost a noble brother, who exemplified in his life our cherished principles and reflected honor upon his fraternity.

*Resolved*, That in his death Ohio Sigma of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has lost one of her truest, noblest and most ardent members, one whose quiet disposition, but sterling manhood, drew him close to our hearts, and one whose life was well worthy of emulation.

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family, looking to God to unite again the silver cord.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this chapter, that a copy be sent to the *Alliance Review*, and to THE RECORD for publication, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved parents.

E. S. MEREDITH, }  
F. E. MCGUIRE, } Committee.  
DEAN TAYLOR, }

## PERSONALS.

## KENTUCKY IOTA, BETHEL COLLEGE.

J. J. Lewis, '98, is studying law at Harvard.

## SOUTH CAROLINA GAMMA, WOFFORD COLLEGE.

Carrol D. Latimer, '90, is in the employ of the U. S. Post-office Department, and has been establishing rural free delivery routes in Georgia and Florida.

## TENNESSEE ETA, SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

W. J. Evans, '00, and Philip Holland, '00, are partners in law in Jackson, Tenn.

Ross Moore, '99, has accepted the position of assistant pastor at Highland Avenue Baptist church, Jackson, Tenn.

H. L. Winburne, '99, has charge of a large pastorate in Indiana.

Cecil A. Moore, '98, spent last year at Harvard University.

G. H. Crutcher, '96, has returned to the foreign field in Mexico where he is associated with R. W. Hooker, '98, and R. P. Mahon, '93.

## GEORGIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Albert Riley, '84, is manager of a dry-goods house in Thomasville, Ga.

Franklin H. Smith, '86, is president of the Thomasville Shoe Co., Thomasville, Ga.

William H. Hammond, '87, was recently married to Miss Roe Dryden, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and is now engaged in the practice of law at Thomasville, Ga.

Major John D. Little, '88, of Columbus, Ga., has recently been elected Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives for the second time.

Hon. Pleasant A. Stovall, '75, of the Savannah press, recently addressed the students of the University of Georgia. His subject was "Mexico."

Samuel L. Olive, '94, who is a busy attorney at Elberton, Ga., has recently favored the Georgia Beta boys with several visits at their chapter-house.

ILLINOIS PSI-OMEGA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

C. H. Harrington, '04, has been compelled, on account of climatic conditions, to leave Northwestern. He is now attending the University of Minnesota.

Dr. D. W. Wendstrand, '97, is interested in the Cook County hospital. Brother Wendstrand recently made a visit to medical colleges in Boston, New York and Philadelphia in the interest of Phi Rho Sigma, the medical fraternity.

Dr. Homer Tallman, '96, is practicing his profession at 70 State-street, Chicago.

S. E. Wheelock is in the wholesale commission business on Water street, Chicago.

Payson L. Nusbaum, '03, is in the drug business at Middlebury, Ind.

Elmer A. Miner, '99, and Carl J. Snyder, '98, are attending Northwestern Medical School.

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Miss Leila Morris, of Evanston, to Oscar Dorman, '00.

Frederick A. Smith is city editor of the Chicago Evening Journal.

William O. Levere's "Imperial America" was selected as a campaign-text book by the republican city committee of Boston, Mass.

J. E. Johnson, '00, is president of the Johnson Tailoring Co. of Chicago.

NEBRASKA LAMBDA-PI, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Roderic Dew, '02, is studying at West Point Military Academy.

Lloyd Killian, '02, is working for his father, a large dry-goods merchant at Wahoo, Nebraska.

George Bartlett, '00, is Deputy Surveyor of Customs for the port of Lincoln.

Roy I. Sipherd, '01, is studying pharmacy at St. Louis, Mo.

ALABAMA ALPHA-MU, ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Andrew Crozier Cameron, '00, is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

William E. Helley, '00, is with the Union Pacific Railroad at Oklahoma City.

F. Ashcraft, '00, is with the Ashcraft Cotton Seed Oil Mills of Florence, Ala., in the capacity of bookkeeper.



Jesse Woodhull Smith, '93, is manager of the Fairmont Park Traction Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Jay Preston Barnes, '93, is a civil engineer in Pittsfield, Mass.

William Addison Clark, '92, is the senior partner of a lumber firm of the same name in Toledo, O.

#### ILLINOIS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

B. A. Campbell, '00, is studying law in his father's office at Albion, Ill.

G. A. Darmer, '00, and John R. Sheldon, '03, are studying medicine at Rush Medical School, Chicago.

Fred Kaeser, '98, will graduate from P. & S. Medical School, Chicago, this year.

George Worthen, Jr., '98, is practicing law at Poplar Bluffs, Mo.

C. A. Smith, '99, has a position in an architect's office at Peoria, Illinois.

A. A. Deutwiler, '99, is working in a machine shop at Canton, Ill.

C. A. Chuse, '99, is foreman of his father's machine shop at Malton, Ill.

H. W. Belknap, '03, is at the Northwestern Dental School.

#### CALIFORNIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Fred Huffman, '99, is "punching bulls" on a cattle ranch at Amos, Nevada.

George Wilhelm, '00, and Dick Hyde, '00, have entered the Miley Fruit Company at Fresno, Cal., of which Ed. Kelley, Michigan Iota Beta, '95, is president.

John Reid, '00, is assayer of the Mariposa mine in Northern California.

William Sauer has a position under George Wagner, '99, on a sugar plantation in Hawaii.

#### PENNSYLVANIA OMEGA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

R. R. Gibson, '00, is an instructor at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York.

Edward G. Rohrbaugh, '00, is principal of the Brookville (Pa.) High School.

Benjamin R. Williams, '00, is studying law at Butler, Pa.

Walter S. Borland, '00, is in business with his brother in Oil City, Pa.

Fred Breed, '98, is principal of the High School at Kane, Pa.

ALABAMA IOTA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

F. K. Gamble, '00, is keeping books for the Cranford Mercantile Co. at Jasper, Ala.

Jesse O. Long, '96, is chief deputy sheriff of Walker county, Ala.

Edgar A. Patterson, '99, won a scholarship in the Baltimore College for having the highest average grade during the session of '99—1900. He is there again this year.

Joe M. Pickett, '01, is with a civil engineering party in California.

GEORGIA PSI, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Earnest V. McConnell, '97, is practicing dentistry in Patterson City, La.

Rev. F. C. McConnell, '88, is pastor of First Baptist Church at Lynchburg, Va.

H. B. Carreker, '00, is principal of Molena High School, Molena, Ga.

T. J. Simmons, '00, is city editor of the Atlanta *Daily News*.

J. Pope Brown, '71, has been appointed Railroad Commissioner of Georgia, and is also spoken of a candidate for governor.

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E. R. Hines, '96, has been elected ordinary of Baldwin, county, Ga.

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CALIFORNIA ALPHA, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

H. E. Campbell, '03, has entered a law office in Chicago.

Lieut. H. M. Merriam '01, third artillery, sailed with his regiment July 28, on the Transport Hancock for China. Occupying the stateroom with Merriam was Lieut. Wm. Force, a member of Σ A E also from some eastern chapter. Before leaving this

W. J. Cameron, '01, holds a lucrative position with the Sloss-Sheffield Steel Co., of Birmingham, Ala.

John Paul Illges, '00, is in business with his father, of The Golden's Foundry and Machine Co., of Columbus, Ga.

O. B. Andrews, '01, is practicing law in Atlanta, Ga.

C. W. Nixon, '00, is post-graduate in chemistry at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

G. F. Boyd, '00, is first assistant in the Botanical Laboratory at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

J. N. Boyd, '00, holds an assistant professorship in Latin and history at Auburn.

W. A. Dewees, '02, is with the Southern Express Co. at Chattanooga, Tenn.

G. B. Kelly, '96, is a civil engineer of the firm Kelly & Jay at Birmingham, Ala.

E. B. Joseph, '97, is in the insurance and real estate business at Montgomery, Ala.

W. A. Hood, '96, is senior partner of the firm Hood, Yielding & Co., Grocers, of Birmingham, Ala.

W. A. Mitchell, '98, stood first in his class (sophomore) at the U. S. Military Academy last year.

G. Houston Jones is studying law under his father at Montgomery, Ala.

B. H. McQueen is with the Louisville & Nashville R. R. at Montgomery, Ala.

W. E. Henley, '96, holds a position with the Birmingham Trust and Savings Co. of Birmingham, Ala.

#### ALABAMA MU, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

C. E. Lawson, '00, is at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

J. W. Stickney, '00, and L. G. Smith, '00, are in the employ of the United States Government as civil engineers in the construction of locks on the Warrior River in Alabama.

P. E. Jones, '99, is teaching school at Camden, Ala.

C. W. Vaughn, '00, is filling a chair in the Agricultural School at Evergreen, Ala.

Noble J. Wiley, '99, is practicing law in Montgomery, Ala.

C. A. Beasley, '00, is practicing law with Hon. Emmet O'Neal at Florence, Ala.

W. W. Brandon, '92, has been reelected to the Alabama Legislature.

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country the two officers had been living together at Alcatraz Island, where they were stationed.

A. B. West, '99, was one of the number who successfully passed the Colorado bar examinations held in Denver last June.

MISSOURI BETA, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Ernest C. F. Koken, '00, is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a bridge building company.

H. C. Toensfeldt, '00, is at Leavenworth, Kansas, having a responsible position with a large bridge building company.

Norman O. Vegely, '01, is with Cope & Stewardson, St. Louis, who are the architects of the new Washington University buildings.

Leon Brady, '01, who attended the Rolla School of Mines last year, is now at New York, pursuing a course in mineralogy in Columbia University.

KENTUCKY KAPPA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

Louis Thompson, '01, is with the Swift Packing Company, Philadelphia.

C. J. Wright, '00, is in business in Paris, Ky.

C. Howell is in Pine Bluff, Ark.

W. W. Mc'lellan, '03, is attending the University of Indiana.

W. H. Lassing, '03, has passed his entrance examinations to the Naval Academy, and will enter as a cadet next June.

Guy S. Bissett, '95, has been sent as the United States naval attaché to Berlin, where he will enter the naval construction school for a three years' course.

R. T. Benton, '96, is teaching school in Pine Bluff, Ark.

Robt. Gordon '98, is practicing law in Louisville, Ky.

COLORADO CHI, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Byron K. Baird, law, '02, is assisting his father, who is United States district attorney for the Hawaiian Islands.

Chas. A. Chase is assistant superintendent of the Liberty Bell mine, one of the largest mines in the Telluride, Colo., mining district.

James C. Vinton, E. E., '02, and Willis L. Strachan, law, '02, are both at Cornell this year.

E. Paul Dillon is electrician for the Smuggler-Union mine at Telluride, Colo.

OHIO EPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

Geo. Jackson, '98, is teaching at Asheville, N. C.

Morgan Van Matre, '99, is at the law school in Cincinnati.

W. G. Eberhardt, '00, is with the Krell Piano Company, Cincinnati.

A. L. Innes, '00, is in the Fifth National Bank of Cincinnati.

C. K. Cairns, '00, has been taking a course at a business college.

KENTUCKY EPSILON, KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE.

C. C. Jett, '99, is an assistant in mechanical engineering at the University of Minnesota.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-ZETA, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

W. A. Murray, '99, is coaching the State College football team of Texas.

J. W. White, '98, is electrical engineer at the coal mines near Uniontown, Pa.

G. R. Norman, '99, has been a chemist in Atlanta, but is now at home because of poor health.

W. C. Hamilton, '00, is a chemist in St. Louis, Mo.

NORTH CAROLINA XI, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Wm. B. Lemly, '96, captain of marines, was among those wounded in the battle of Tien-Tsin, China. We are glad to learn that his wound is not a serious one.

Claudius Dockery was the Republican nominee for lieutenant-governor of North Carolina.

J. K. Pfohl, '98, was recently graduated at the head of his class from the Moravian Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa.

R. D. W. Connor, '99, has been elected to an important position in the Winston public schools.

H. M. Loudon, '99, has a position in the census office at Washington.

W. G. Wharton, '00, is in a cotton mill near Asheboro, N. C.

H. C. Cowles, Jr., '00, has entered the medical department of Columbia University.

Gaston L. Myers, '00, is with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., at Richmond, Va.

Halcott Anderson, '00, is assistant in a preparatory school in Pensacola, Fla.

Wm. G. Wharton, '00, is studying cotton milling at Central Falls, N. C.

Ashe J. Hines, '00, is superintendent of water-works at Rocky Mount, N. C.

R. H. Bellamy, '01, is attending Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia.

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMMA, WOFFORD COLLEGE.

J. J. Wolfe, '96, is studying at Chicago University.

J. H. Bennett, '01, is running an extensive mercantile business at Clio, S. C.

E. L. Culler, '97, is teaching in Orangeburg, S. C.

M. W. Adams is in business with his father at Newtonville, S. C.

TENNESSEE OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

E. K. Webster, '83, captain in the United States army, is with his regiment in the Philippines.

Edmund Kirby Smith, '86, is a prominent civil engineer in Central Mexico.

J. G. McW. Ford, '96, is in the banking business in Shreveport, Louisiana.

A. G. Blacklock, '89, is assistant county attorney in Dallas, Tex.

R. M. Kirby-Smith, '90, captain and assistant surgeon, U. S. A., will be at his home in Sewanee, Tenn., from the Philippines, where he has been stationed for the last two years, in December.

Richard Sanford Rust, '92, is in the quartermaster's office, War Department, Washington, D. C.

J. B. Smith, '97, is in the cotton business in Logansport, La.

E. P. Beverly, '99, is practicing medicine in Nashville, Tenn.

Crosswell McBee, '95, has just been ordained to the diaconate, in Greenville, S. C.

S. C. Beckwith, B.D., '90, is doing missionary work in Petersburg, Va.

W. S. Kirby-Smith, '84, is a mining engineer in Estado de Guerro. Mex.

Albert Rowland Garner, '99 is attending Hahneman Medical, Philadelphia.

James Brown Martin, '01, is in Leipzig, Germany, pursuing a course in music.

Oscar Naylor Rambo, '01, is connected with the firm of Dunn & Co., Philadelphia.

Jesse Donald Evans is connected with the census department, Washington, D. C.

TENNESSEE NU, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

L. R. Ellis, '99, is practising medicine as the junior member of the firm of Drs. Ellis & Ellis, Hot Springs, Ark.

John F. Williams, '99, is practising law at Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. G. D. Waller, '99, is permanently located at Bessemer, Ala.

Dr. Lewis W. Origler, '99, is in practice in Aberdeen, Miss.

Amzi Jones, '00, and Jock Dye, '00, are touring Europe together.

TENNESSEE LAMBDA, CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY.

Robert Earl Lester, '00, is editor of the *Lebanon Democrat*, Athens, Ala.

Charles F. Anderson, '03, is now a student in the Southern School of Osteopathy, Franklin, Ky.

Isaac Hay Goodknight, '02, is professor of rhetoric in Cumberland University.

Henry Collier Leech, '01, is candidate for assistant clerk of the House of Representatives of Tennessee.

TENNESSEE KAPPA, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

Tully M. Cornick, Jr., '00, is practising law in Knoxville, Tenn., with the firm of Cornick & Cornick.

W. H. Newman, '00, is instructor of history in Baker-Himel University School, Knoxville, Tenn.

E. E. Joyner, '00, is with the Memphis gas works, Memphis, Tenn.

R. M. Metcalf, '00, is with Duckworth & Co., cotton brokers, Memphis, Tenn.



Dr. Edwin R. Leib, '99, is practicing medicine in Worcester, Mass.

Harry C. Sawyer, '99, is in a law office at 246 Washington street, Boston, Mass.

Edward C. Stone, '00, won the \$250 prize for high standing at the law school last year.

MASSACHUSETTS IOTA-TAU, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Ernest F. Badger, '95, is State chemist of Rhode Island. His address is Weybossett street, Providence, R. I.

Wallace C. Brackett, '95, is with the Boston Elevated Railway, at 101 Milk street, Boston, Mass.

Howard H. Burdick, '97, is chief inspector of the Trav ler's Life Insurance Co., at Hartford, Conn.

C. H. Sweetser, '97, is a sanitary engineer at Wakefield, Mass.

F. H. Cooke, '00, is with the Boston Elevated Railway, at 101 Milk street, Boston, Mass.

PENNSYLVANIA SIGMA-PHI, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

J. T. VanBurkalow, '93, is teacher of Latin in Dickinson Preparatory School.

C. N. Ames, '93, is registrar of Dickinson College.

F. Diehl, '97, is preaching in Kentucky.

W. A. DeGroot, '97, is practising law in Brooklyn, N. Y.

H. I. Huber, '98, has been admitted to the bar, and is practising at Chambersburg, Pa.

O. R. Rice, '99, is principal of the Frostburg High School.

C. E. Schwartz, '99, is assistant superintendent of schools at Mt. Holly, Pa.

W. L. Haldy, '00, is assistant disciplinarian at the Carlisle Indian School.

G. Y. Metzel, '00, is taking a course in theology at Drew Seminary.

M. M. Smyser, '00, is taking a course in theology at the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary.

H. E. Wahley, '00, is preaching at Washington Borough, Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA, BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Andrew Gregg Loomis, '95, is practising law in New York City.

E. W. Coler, '99, is teaching at Nyack-on-Hudson, N. Y.

## FRATERNITY NOTES.

Phi Delta Theta held its convention in Louisville, Ky., Thanksgiving week.

Stephen Crane, the lately deceased author, was a member of Delta Upsilon.

Beta Theta Pi will build an eight thousand dollar house at Syracuse this year.

Delta Upsilon held its sixty-sixth annual convention in Syracuse, October 17-19.

Kappa Sigma held its fourteenth biennial conclave in Philadelphia on Nov. 28, 29 and 30.

Syracuse has a new medical sorority known as Zeta Phi, founded there last winter.

The University of Wisconsin has the largest number of students it has ever had, 2,400.

The membership of the twenty-nine chapters of Pi Beta Phi averaged 15.8 last year.

The banquet of the Beta Theta Pi convention last August was a "shirt-waist" affair.

Benj. B. Odell, governor-elect of New York, is a member of Beta Theta Pi.

E. H. Conger, United States minister to China, is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Kappa Sigma has withdrawn the charter of its Mu chapter at Washington and Lee University.

Nine fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon among them, entered new homes at the University of Nebraska this year.

Adlai E. Stevenson, the democratic candidate for vice-president, is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

At Indiana University six fraternities have taken houses this year, bringing the total number up to ten.

Sigma Chi has levied a special assessment of two dollars per member to help publish their next catalogue.

The number of students this year at the University of Minnesota is 3,500, the greatest in its history.

The fraternities at Swarthmore have agreed not to pledge new men before May 15 of each year.



G. Willamson  
Sherman

Goddard  
Cox  
Bldwell

Anderson  
Millar  
Stetson

Coggeshall  
Allen  
Hall

Brown  
Humphrey  
Knox

Mellus

Nash

Lombard  
Baker

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The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* states that Psi Upsilon and Phi Delta Theta occupy the same house at Minnesota.

The University of Chicago has offered to rent land at a moderate sum per year to fraternities located there.

At its recent convention Beta Theta Pi granted charters to petitioners at Bowdoin College, University of West Virginia and University of Colorado.

A fraternity has been organized at Lehigh to be called Phi Kappa Alpha. The members are Spaniards or Spanish-Americans. — *College Topics* (University Virginia).

The faculty at William Jewell now permits the fraternities represented to take in freshmen, but only after having the names passed on by the faculty.

A new inter-frat. society, the Pi Epsilon, has been organized among alumni fraternity members in Seattle. Its object is to keep alive memories of college days.

Kappa Alpha continues to initiate graduates of the Virginia Military Institute, where anti-fraternity laws are in force for undergraduates. Nine were taken in this year.

Phi Kappa Psi withdrew last year from Hampden-Sidney, where Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Alpha still have chapters.

The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta editorially accuses the members of the Kappa Alpha (Southern) fraternity at the University of Georgia, Emory and Mercer of resorting to falsehood and of using ungentlemanly methods in rushing.

The editor of *Beta Theta Pi* thinks it might be well to allow chapters to initiate members of the faculty and other local friends and supporters "under proper safeguards"—*Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

Phi Delta Theta has entered a house at Miami; Alpha Tau Omega and Theta Delta Chi have entered University of California; Sigma Nu, Lafayette and Stevens; Delta Tau Delta, West Virginia, and Phi Gamma Delta, the University of Washington. Sigma Chi has revived at Lafayette and Wooster.

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi reports that several fraternities at the University of Minnesota have violated the inter-fraternity contract not to rush men until they had matriculated. The offenders, however, have gained little by it, but have rather hurt themselves.

This year at the University of Virginia, Kappa Alpha returned 18 men, initiated 4, affiliated 4; Phi Kappa Psi returned 14, initiated 4, affiliated 2; Alpha Tau Omega returned 12, initiated 4,

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Faternally,

GEORGE P. WOLCOTT.



**Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.**

## INITIATES.

Mayes Cooper, '03, Memphis, Tenn.

Harold Hayward Dillon, '03, Hastings, Neb.

Thomas Gray McDougall, '04, Cincinnati, O.

Now that the college year has fairly begun, Massachusetts Iota-Tau has a good-sized chapter of twenty-six members. So far this year we have initiated three men, and at present have two pledged, so that we hope before the end of the year to have a larger chapter than ever before. This will be necessary as a large number of our present members are in the senior class.

Our social standing at the institute has improved, and at the recent inauguration of our new president, Henry Smith Pritchett, Ph.D., LL.D., several of our boys were asked to usher. Brother Stowe was also recently reelected treasurer of the class of 1902.

In athletics, Lewis G. Wilson (half-back) and George D. Wilson (guard) are playing on the varsity football team this year. Geo. D. Wilson has been unfortunately "laid up" for the past two weeks by an accident, so that the team has lost a good man. Tech has a good team this year, so we feel somewhat "puffed up."

This fall Brothers Lewis G. Wilson, Tennessee Zeta, Robert C. Allen, Massachusetts Delta, and Everett O. Eastwood, Virginia Omicron, affiliated with us, so that we have now seven affiliate brothers in the chapter.

On October 31st we held a Hallowe'en party at the house, and about twenty young ladies were present. After playing games for a time we indulged in the usual "stunts" connected with such a party, and then partook of cider, doughnuts and apples, the party breaking up about twelve o'clock after a jolly good time.

One of our old alumni is back in Boston, namely, Brother F. H. Cooke, 1900, S.B., who has been in Cleveland, Ohio, all summer. Brother Cooke is a man who, as an alumnus, gives the chapter a great deal of help and wise counsel, and we are all glad to have him with us again.

Hoping that our coming convention will be a good success, and that all Sigs will make themselves known at 458 Massachusetts avenue, Boston, if they are in the town, I am,

Fraternally yours,

LESLIE W. MILLAR.

**Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge.**

We have begun this year as we ended last, under excellent conditions, having in all thirty-four active members, besides which our

finances have been such that we have repapered and decorated our rooms. They are much more pleasant than they were before.

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Faternally,

**Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester.**

## INITIATES.

Moses Harry Harris, '04, Auburn, Me.  
Winthrop Young Haycock, '04, Calais, Me.  
Frederick Keith Hill, '04, Chicago, Ill.  
Everett Larkin, '04, Worcester, Mass.  
Joseph Henry Walter, '04, Youngstown, O.  
William Harold Warnock, '04, Northampton, Mass.

At the beginning of the college year 1900-01, Massachusetts Delta reports a better financial condition than she has probably ever had before.

Our chapter-house, which will accommodate thirteen men, is comfortably filled, and will probably be completely filled after the Christmas holidays.

Last fall we started in with a chapter of fifteen men. In June, according to the natural course of events, we lost four men—Brothers Allen, Barr, Brooks, and Williamson—our only representatives in the class of 1900. Brother Allen is continuing his studies at the M. I. T., while Brother Williamson is taking a course of applied mechanics at the W. P. I. Brothers Barr and Brooks have both received flattering calls.

We started in this fall with a chapter of twenty-two men, and at the present time our chapter numbers twenty-seven, with four more men pledged.

The change in the running of our house, which was mentioned in the September RECORD, is proving very successful.

We always anticipate our dual meets with Gamma, and are looking forward with great interest to the annual football game which comes off in Worcester the latter part of November, when Gamma is to be our guest.

Our social functions, consisting of smoke-talks, informal dances, and card-parties, will be held again as in previous years, and we trust that they will prove as enjoyable as they have in the past. The scheme of having an alumni night, which worked very successfully last year, will be tried again. At that meeting about sixty alumni from far and near came to the chapter-house and told us what  $\Sigma A E$  had stood for in the past. It made us realize the grave responsibility which had been laid upon us to maintain her high standard.

As the convention comes this year in Boston, we trust that all loyal members of  $\Sigma A E$  in New England will attend and bring away some of the inspiration about which we have heard so much but which we have never felt.

Trusting that the delegates will stop in Worcester as they pass



M.N. Weatherell C. R. Rogers S. P. Giddard C. A. Holbrook J. W. Adams C. A. Norwood  
 C. L. Thurston T. N. Buckingham C. T. Hanson C. R. Pettigell R. H. Douglas  
 E. Johnson F. H. Davol S. J. Beach H. E. Holbrook J. A. Denton  
 J. C. Myers G. W. Nichols W. E. Taylor J. Guild, Jr. E. A. Sherman R. E. Lee  
 H. D. Wiggin G. P. Wolcott J. P. Langmaid J. McC. Ross  
 H. B. Gates H. F. Baker G. C. Vedder R. W. Cheney L. Jannoy

through the city, where they will be cordially welcomed by the Delta chapter,      Fraternally,

H. BARDWELL LINCOLN, JR.

### PROVINCE BETA.

New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.

#### INITIATES.

Edward Morris Lara, '03, Civil Engineering, Baltimore, Md.

Edward Arthur Wadsworth, '04, Mechanical Engineering, Newark, N. J.

Howard Kenneth Dirlam, '04, Arts, Mansfield, O.

Charles Parkinson Wood, '04, Mechanical Engineering, Warrenton, Va.

George Cooke Robertson, '04, Arts, Buffalo, N. Y.

Roger Leverick Kingsland, '04, Mechanical Engineering, Nutley, N. J.

William Henry Henderson, '04, Mechanical Engineering, New York, N. Y.

Raymond Walch Nutting, '04, Mechanical Engineering, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Registration day in Cornell University was September 24. New York Alpha returned fifteen active men on September 17, and set to work rushing with a vim. As a result of that activity we have initiated eight men.

The initiation was held October 20, and was followed by a banquet at the New Ithaca Hotel. The guest of the evening was Past Beta Province President, Watson Bartemus Selvage, N. Y. Sigma-Phi, '98, and his toast on "Fraternity Ideals" will never be forgotten by those who heard it. Brother A. D. Harnden returned to the University this year to enter the arts department. Brothers Harry Wilkes Wright and Edmund Howard Hollands of the class of '99, returned to accept graduate scholarships in the Sage School of Philosophy. Brother Edgar T. Brown of Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, and Brothers Jas. C. Venton and W. L. Strachan, of Colorado Chi, entered Cornell this year, and have affiliated with us. The chapter now numbers thirty active members.

Brothers George Hurd Carrier of Elmira, Edwin L. Brooks of Jamestown, Samuel B. Perry of Syracuse and William H. Marland of Binghamton have visited the chapter this fall.

We are looking forward to the convention with a great deal of interest and expect to be well represented by active and alumni brothers.

Fraternally,

E. LOTHARD MCCLURE.

New York Mu, Columbia University, New York.

INITIATES.

Charles Clyde Spicer, '02, College.

Charles Taylor Law, '03, Mining.

Raymond Joseph McPhee, '03, Law.

The outlook for Chapter Mu at Columbia this year is one of the brightest in its history. We have a small, but comfortable, suite of rooms on Morningside avenue, opposite the park of the same name. Had we a house we should be much better satisfied, but here in New York houses are expensive luxuries, only enjoyed by chapters of large membership. However, if we are as successful next year as we have been this, there is no reason why we should not enjoy a house to ourselves.

Although three of our members, Brothers McKenna, Harrison and Coerr, graduated last spring, they are still living in the city, and favor us with visits frequently. Brother Coerr, in fact, is still a member of our chapter, as he is taking a course in medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Brother H. S. Harrison was elected orator of his class. This position he was obliged to decline on account of illness in his family. Through mere popularity among his classmates, and not through any "pull," Brother McKenna was immediately elected to fill the vacant position.

It was with great pleasure that we learned when we got back to college this fall that several Σ A E men from other chapters had registered at Columbia for this year. Brother Williams, from Sewanee, has already affiliated, and Brother Chapman, from Northwestern University, intends to in the immediate future. Besides these we have lately learned of several other Sigs about college with whom we intend to get acquainted at the earliest opportunity.

We have already initiated three fine fellows this year. We have also pledged two other men, both freshmen, and are "rushing" several others.

On the whole, we have reason to consider ourselves very successful, especially as up to the middle of October we were without a regular meeting place. But now, if any wandering Sigs who may "happen our way" will step up to 82 Morningside, they will be assured of a warm welcome at our door.

We wish to thank Texas Rho, through THE RECORD, for the invitation they so kindly sent us to the ball at the Theta Province Convention.

Yours fraternally,

F. MAXWELL WICHMAN.

**New York Sigma-Phi, St. Stephen's College, Annanda'e.**

## INITIATES.

Samuel B. Fish, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Charles Edward Lewis, Frederick, Md.

St. Stephen's opened this year under very favorable auspices. In spite of the fact that the largest class in college was graduated in June, the number of students has been increased twelve per cent. Sigma-Phi can only profit by such a state of affairs.

When the chapter roll was called only four brothers responded, but there was a heartiness about it which told that each brother was glad he is living, and especially glad he is a Sig Alph, for we all believe a live Greek is better than a dead barbarian.

Looking about us in the spirit of that philosophy which our order enjoins we said, here is leaven enough to do a great work; let us rise to the occasion. To begin, we initiated on October 12th two men, who, for the past year, as pledged men have shown themselves thorough Sigs.

After the initiation we had, in Brothers Treder and Drumm's suite, as neat and complete a banquet as we have ever attended. The happy and congenial Sigs who sat down to that banquet were very loath to disperse even when the cocks began to crow and dawn was upon us.

The Sig Alph material among the new men is being slowly worked into shape. We trust you will hear more about it in our next.

With fraternal greeting, we are

Yours in Σ Α Ε,

H. EUGENE A. DURELL.

**Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College, Meadville.**

## INITIATES.

Edward Drum, California, Pa.

C. L. Smith, Franklin, Pa.

Harry White, California, Pa.

Earl Younkings, Butler, Pa.

Our chapter opened the year with unusual prospects. Nine of our men reported for the fall term, all enthusiastic and determined to make ours one of the best chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We have been careful in selecting new men, and have not taken in any men without having made a careful study of them. We have already taken in four men this term, all of whom have been highly recommended by alumni of our chapter. We have three men on the "varsity" this fall: A. C. Gleason, end; W. H. Taylor, half-back, and A. G. Williams, guard.

With best wishes to our sister chapters,

Fraternally,

ANDREW G. WILLIAMS.

## Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle.

## INITIATES.

Davis Walter Morton, '02, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Charles Howard Nuttle, '03, Andersontown, Md.  
Joel Boyne Lininger, '04, Carlisle, Pa.  
John V. Nicodemus, '04, Walkersville, Md.  
Thomas Jefferson Towers, Trappe, Md.

The bright prospects of which we wrote in our September letter were not an illusion. So far this year, we have initiated five men. We were also gladdened by the return of two brothers whom we had almost looked upon as lost. Brother Brock, '00, who is taking a course in Dickinson Law School, and Brother Norris, '03, who has returned from an extended tour through Texas to resume his studies at college. We are also pleased that Brother Andrews, '98, Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, is making his home in Carlisle and gives us a fair share of his company and advice.

The marriage of Brother Wahley, '00, to Miss Gertrude E. Franks, of Carlisle, was the opening event of our college year. Though it was a quiet wedding, Sigdom was present to rejoice with the happy pair.

We had with us for several days, at the opening of college, Brothers Hayes, '98, Price, '99, Metzel, '00, and Runkle, '00.

The next event on our calendar, was the banquet given October 23d, in our chapter-hall, to the new brothers. We had as toast-master, Brother H. I. Huber, '98, president Beta Province. We also had present with us Brother Van Burkalow, '93, and Brother Andrews, both of whom responded to fitting toasts.

On the evening of October 30th, a very pleasant reception given to some of our friends of the gentler sex was held in our chapter-hall. Refreshments were served, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all. Although we have no chapter-house, yet we can say, without a chance of denial, that we have the finest and best arranged rooms of any fraternity at Dickinson, and all deem it an honor to be asked to visit them.

We have had our usual good luck in carrying off the honors this year. Brother Diehl is left end on the varsity and has been a mainstay in giving the college her fine record in football this year. Brother Gillespie substitutes on the varsity, and is also captain of the scrub team. Brother Hardesty is president of the Belles-Lettres Literary Society, and was one of the team that won for that society the inter-society debate of last year. Brother Ames is to be the class prophet in the class day exercises. Brother Sampson was elected unanimously to the presidency of the junior



class. Brother Norris is a member of the college quartet and also of the glee club.

We feel sure that this is to be a year of good things for  $\Sigma A E$  at Dickinson, and are looking forward to the general convention with great interest.

Yours in  $\Sigma A E$ ,

ROBT. J. NICHOLSON.

**Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, Pennsylvania State College, State College.**

INITIATES.

H. A. Mott, '02.

Henry Beckert, '03.

J. D. Elder, '04.

P. G. Elder, '04.

Rex Plumer, '04.

At the opening of the college, Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta began her work with fourteen active brothers, all in for good, hard rushing. Our chapter roll now numbers nineteen active members and two alumni members, Dr. John Robinson and Louis L. Ansart. Brother Robinson is practicing medicine in the town and has gained quite a reputation for himself, having been here only about a year. It may be news to some of the "old Sigs" to know that Brother Robinson was not alone in establishing his profession, for he realized that a wife was quite necessary. The result was that last fall he changed his card to "Dr. and Mrs. Robinson."

Brother Ansart, '98, returned to accept the position of instructor in the Mathematical Department.

We regret to say that Brother Hepler, '01; McKnight, '02; Andrews, '02, and Fetzer, '03, did not return this fall.

Brother McKnight paid us a short visit after the opening of college, which was enjoyed by all.

Brother Andrews is employed in the chemical laboratories at the Pennsylvania Steel Co., Steelton, Pa.

Brother Fetzer will probably be with us again next fall.

Brother Hepler is employed as draughtsman in a typewriter works at Harrisburg, Pa. While we feel the loss of these brothers keenly, we wish them well in their business career.

Many of the older Sigs will be much surprised to hear that Brother Paul B. Breneman, who was one of our charter members, and a professor of the Civil Engineering Department since 1894, has resigned his office and has returned to his home. His absence is felt most keenly, and we wish him also good luck in his new undertaking. The chapter has lost a loyal, earnest Sig, one to whom we younger Sigs always went for advice.

The college football team this year has made, so far, quite a commendable reputation for itself. With the loss of Cure, Ran-

dolph ( $\Sigma$  A E) and Wood the team was left a trifle weak, but we have an excellent coach, Mr. Golden, and he has brought it up to a very good standing.  $\Sigma$  A E is represented on the team by Hewitt at quarter and Dodge at guard. Brother McCleary is manager of the team. Brother Frey is captain of the sub-team, while Brother J. D. Elder is quarter on the same.

Brothers McCleary and Adams represent us in the "Thespians," the college dramatic society.

Brother G. A. Elder, '01, is treasurer of his class, president of the athletic association, and was one of the Junior orators, securing second prize.

Brother Dodge, '03, is president of his class.

Brother Goddard, '03, is a member of the military band, and also of the college orchestra.

We have added to the Frat House a telephone, which is an amusement as well as a convenience.

We expect to be represented at the general convention by several Sigs.

With best wishes for the coming convention and our sister chapters,

Faternally,

B. LINDSAY MOORE.

#### **Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg.**

##### INITIATE.

Sylvester Dunlap, '03.

In September last Pennsylvania Zeta began the seventh year of her history, with a chapter roll of seven men, all living in the chapter-house. Sigma Alpha Epsilon will have eight enthusiastic workers to look after her interests at Bucknell this year, and commencement will see our chapter roll considerably increased. This year's freshman class is large, and promising in "frat" material, but as first-year men are not eligible to Greekdom here, our "novitiates" must bide their time until June.

Of college honors Pennsylvania Zeta has the following: C. F. Biedelspacher is president of the senior class, and editor-in-chief of the *Bucknell Mirror*; G. L. Freudenberger and J. Z. Rowe play end and tackle on the varsity, and Goodman is senior historian.

Thus far the chapter has enjoyed visits from Brothers Loomis, Feizer, Cozer, Freck and Moyer.

Brothers Jess Evans and Goodman accompanied the varsity to Cornell and enjoyed the hospitality of the New York Alpha boys.

Our house, always a source of pride to us, has been made especially attractive this year. Our furniture has been added to, and a new piano, placed in the smoking-room, fills a long-felt want.

Plans are under way for the sending of a full delegation from our chapter to the coming national convention at Boston.

With best wishes for a successful year and a good convention, I am

Yours fraternally,

DAVID A. SAUSSEB.

### Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg.

#### INITIATES.

Stanley Channing Fowler, '04.

Goodell Sieber, '04.

Pennsylvania Delta has completed its first scholastic year since its reestablishment, with remarkable progress, and unless appearances are deceptive, we may look forward to a very prosperous year. Our freshman class this year is unusually large, therefore we can select the very best men for brothers in  $\Sigma A E$ . At the time of writing we have in view several very fine men whom we think we can persuade to cast their lot with us.

Pennsylvania Delta is in the front rank in all college work. Brothers Lantz, Hettrick and Masters are members of the glee club, and Ahalt of the mandolin club. In football we hold almost a controlling interest in the persons of Brothers Hoffman, Lantz, Sieber, Taylor, and Rhøener.

We were very sorry to lose this year Brothers Moore, Brown and Smith. Moore and Smith did not return to college, and Brown went to Wittenberg Theological Seminary. These men while with us were untiring workers for the best interests of our order, hence their loss is greatly felt by us. Brother Moore was elected business manager of the *Spectrum* for 1902, last year. His not returning was a great loss to his class and the *Spectrum* staff, as he was especially qualified for that kind of work. We hope that both he and Smith may return to college next year.

Brother Holston was with us this fall for over a week, having stopped off on his way to Philadelphia, where he is attending the Jefferson Medical College. He was a great help to us in "rushing" and initiating new men. Several of the features in the initiations devised by him were unusually impressive.

Brother Moyer (Pennsylvania Zeta) of Norristown, Pa., was a welcome visitor at our chapter meeting September 28th.

Fraternally,

F. GARMAN MASTERS.



Mirick	Norcross	Hobbs	Spangue	Wilbur	Fitch	Coggeshall	Barling	Gilbert
A. Williamson	Farrier	Perkins	Ward Lamb	Merram	Shorman	Davis	Gallup	Brown
Gilson	Brooks	Irons	G. Williamson	Lincoln	Gray	Barr	Allen	Reed

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## PROVINCE GAMMA.

Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

## INITIATES.

H. F. Dutton, Jr., Gainesville, Fla.

Guy Gentry, Chattanooga, Tenn.

F. B. Saegmuller, Washington, D. C.

Bruce Wilson, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The University opened its regular session on September 15th under extremely promising circumstances. The largest matriculation since '61 has already been realized, and the faculty expect at least seven hundred students to be in attendance before the holidays.

Virginia Omicron shared very liberally in the general progress of the institution, and the prospects are extremely bright for a successful year.

Our first "goating" was celebrated in the good old  $\Sigma A E$  fashion. Immediately after the initiation was over and the candidates made full-fledged brothers, a very enjoyable smoker was indulged in. Toasts were offered and responded to in a very happy manner, each member of the chapter displaying an unusual amount of enthusiasm and eloquence in his response. Songs were sung and cheers given until the banquet board groaned and trembled, and as "night's candles grew dim" the brothers sang the good night song and then sought that pleasant old god, Morpheus. Altogether, we are congratulating ourselves upon the result of our first goating this season.

Much interest is being manifested in the National Convention, and Virginia Omicron expects to be well represented.

We cannot close without mentioning the loss of one of our most earnest workers, Brother J. A. Lyon. For several years he has been the life of our chapter, exerting his every effort for its success and progress. But, as you will note elsewhere in this issue, Cupid's fatal arrows have at last found him an apt target.

Sincerely hoping that the convention will eclipse those that have preceded it,

Fraternally, WM. C. MONROE.

Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee University, Lexington.

## INITIATES.

Reese C. Barnett, '04, Atlanta, Ga.

Erwin J. Clark, '04, Waco, Tex.

Herbert S. Osburn, '04, Leesburg, Va.

James M. Preston, '04, Lewisburg, W. Va.

Pettet Robinson, '04, Louisville, Ky.

Charles C. Thomas, '04, Atlanta, Ga.

It is with pride and satisfaction that Virginia Sigma greets her sister chapters. Four old men were present at the opening of the session to begin the rushing, which resulted in our initiating six freshmen into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The old men who returned were as follows: Coleman R. Robinson, Fred W. Goshorn, Edward J. Arbuckle, and J. Harlan Hiter.

We take pleasure in asserting that we have carried off our share of college honors, among which are manager of football team, president of final ball, and president of cotillion club. Our goats were not lacking in honors, for we are represented on the football team and in all of the freshman classes and clubs.

Brother Hugh W. Kirkpatrick, who is in business in Atlanta, Ga., paid us a visit at the beginning of the session, as did also Brother LeRoy Barrett, who was on his way to Johns Hopkins to take further honors for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Virginia Sigma attended the funeral of President Wilson, our beloved brother, at Charlestown, W. Va. Not only Sigdom, but also Washington and Lee, has lost its best friend and adviser.

Yours fraternally,

J. HARLAN HITER.

#### North Carolina Xi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

##### INITIATES.

Calvin D. Cowles, Jr., '01, Washington, D. C.

Graham H. Andrews, '03, Raleigh, N. C.

Green R. Berkeley, '03, Atlanta, Ga.

Curtis A. Bynum, '03, Lincolnton, N. C.

Milton Calder, '03, Wilmington, N. C.

William J. Gordon, '03, Wilmington, N. C.

Alexander S. Hanes, '03, Winston, N. C.

Willis O. Heard, '03, Charlotte, N. C.

Bartholomew F. Huske, '03, Fayetteville, N. C.

John Henry McAden, Jr., '03, Charlotte, N. C.

H. Lamar Rankin, '03, Atlanta, Ga.

Samuel L. Stringfield, '03, Waynesville, N. C.

James B. Thorpe, '03, Rocky Mount, N. C.

James S. Whitehead, '03, Wilson, N. C.

The duty of the E. C. is not arduous when he has good news to report, so the writing of this letter is a pleasure rather than a task.

The opening of college found seven old men returned. As a result of their work and the work done by the chapter last year, North Carolina Xi has never been in a more prosperous condition.

and we expect fully to realize the aims and ideals for which our order stands.

Of our initiates, Andrews is a brother of W. J. Andrews, '91, A. B. Andrews, '93 and J. H. Andrews, '97; Berkeley is a brother of A. R. Berkeley, '00; Stringfield is a brother of Thomas Stringfield, '95; and Whitehead is a brother of R. B. Whitehead, '92, and W. B. Whitehead, '01.

Football is at present the main subject of interest, and Carolina hopes to win again the championship of the South. Σ A E is represented on the team by G. R. Berkeley at half-back.

The university continues to advance in usefulness and strength under its new president, Dr. F. P. Venable. The fraternities have received new life from an unusually good sophomore class and contain a larger per cent. of the student body than they have for some years.

B Θ II has reorganized its chapter with five members.

During this session we have had visits from Brothers H. C. Cowles and W. G. Wharten, '00; F. W. Miller, '98, and A. B. Andrews, Jr., '93. Fraternally,

ALFRED R. BERKELEY.

#### North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson.

##### INITIATES.

James Wharey Currie, '04, Davidson, N. C.  
Robert George McAliley, '04, Chester, S. C.  
Mortimer Lacy McKinnon, '04, Hartsville, S. C.  
Graham Alford McNair, '04, Hartsville, S. C.  
Joel Smith Morse, '04, Abbeville, S. C.  
Benjamin Gass Team, '04, Camden, S. C.

We have never had a more favorable opening than we have had this year. By graduation we lost two men, Law and Hewitt, and Carnelson has not been able to return on account of illness, but with these exceptions every member returned and our work has been most successful.

College opened under very favorable circumstances and is in a prosperous condition. Only one change in the faculty has been made. Brother O. S. Matthews, A.M., is adjunct professor in the place of Professor F. F. Rome, who now holds a position in Georgia.

Dr. J. B. Shearer has resigned the presidency of the college, and Dr. H. L. Smith will take his chair at the end of this term.

Rev. Hugh R. Murchinson, of Edisto Island, S. C., was with us during the first part of the term and aided us a great deal in our work. We hope to have him with us during the holidays.

The article on "College Fraternities and their Importance," in the September RECORD, was especially interesting and was needed. The new men were advised to read it carefully, and in consequence they are well-posted now on general fraternities.

By all means our greatest need now is a new catalogue and directory. They are of inestimable value on all occasions, and each E. C. should take special pains and pride in sending in correct data from his chapter.

Fraternally,

JOHN W. McCONNELL.

### **South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.**

#### **INITIATES.**

Vernon Jackson Brabham, '04, Bamberg, S. C.

James Mattison Sullivan, Jr., '04, Anderson, S. C.

Richard Frank Tatum, '04, McCall, S. C.

Gamma started the year with very flattering prospects, as every member of last year's band returned and entered college. In view of this we were able to rush the new men in a most successful way, and during the summer each member kept the others posted concerning any desirable men who expected to enter this college. As a result we have experienced a very successful rushing season. Besides our three initiates, we have two other men pledged who will join us at an early date, which will increase our number to fifteen.

It is with deep regret that we say there is a great deal of friction manifested between the fraternity and non-fraternity men here at present, but as the latter have no grounds on which to base their complaint (except that *they* have not been "sufficiently urged"), we are in hopes it will soon pass over. The fraternity men are using every precaution necessary to crush this feeling which has arisen, and as our president looks with favor on fraternities, the outlook is not so discouraging. We trust it will not be brought up at the coming conference, and that in our next letter we can report everything pleasant for the fraternities at Wofford.

In college honors our fraternity still retains its place at the top. Watkins is both manager and captain of the football team, playing the position of full-back. We are also represented on the team by A. Brabham, Leonard and Sullivan. Prince is president of the junior class, V. Brabham is vice-president of the senior class, and Daniel will speak at the oratorical contest.

Fraternally,

L. D. GORDON.



## Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens.

## INITIATES.

Marion Hoke Smith, '03, Atlanta, Ga.  
B. Sanders Walker, '03, Monroe, Ga.  
Joseph Hull, '04, Athens, Ga.  
S. Randolph Jacques, '04, Macon, Ga.  
Sidney Carswell Jones, '04, Waynesboro, Ga.  
Thomas N. Woolfolk, '04, Albany, Ga.

The month of November finds all college enterprises well under way at the University of Georgia. The expectations for a prosperous year were fully realized, and at present the University has the largest enrollment of students since its founding in 1801. This year completes the centennial of its existence and great preparations are being made already for the anniversary commencement, which will take place next June.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has kept full pace with the revival of life and interest, and we have nothing but good news to report. We have just begun our fourth year of life in a chapter-house, and our home is one of the handsomest in Athens. It is an old antebellum mansion, built in the colonial style, surrounded by a grove of oaks and situated in the best residence portion of the city.

In rushing we always receive invaluable aid from the Atlanta Alumni Association, and in fact the plans of all the  $\Sigma A E$ 's in Georgia for the summer campaign are always well matured and fruitful of good results.

Georgia Beta has always been fortunate in the matter of affiliates and at present there are representatives from five other chapters in her ranks. This year the following brothers cast their lot with us:

Blanton E. Fortson, Law, '01, Washington, Ga., from Georgia Epsilon.

W. Henry Jones, '03, Macon, Ga., from Georgia Psi.

Louis W. Wright, Rome, Ga., from Georgia Phi.

As usual our men, new and old, are prominent in all lines of college life. We have men on the glee, banjo and mandolin clubs, in the Thalias, the Dramatic Club, in the Sphinx and  $\text{Cæd}$  honorary clubs; and on the football, baseball and track teams. Brother Hardy is assistant-manager of the football team, Brother Cox captain of baseball team, and your correspondent editor-in-chief of the *College Annual*.

At least two of our active members will be present at the Boston Convention and numbers of our alumni have signified their intention of attending. We hope thus to get in close touch with the interests of the fraternity everywhere.

A genuine welcome is always extended to visiting brothers, a we hope to see many during the present college year.

Fraternally.

JOHN D. N. McCARTNEY

**Georgia Psi, Mercer University, Macon.**

INITIATES.

Henry Reeves, Law, LaGrange, Ga.

R. S. Mathews, '03, Thomson, Ga.

O. R. Thompson, '03, Augusta, Ga.

C. B. Young, '03, Augusta, Ga.

W. K. Young, '03, Augusta, Ga.

E. T. Gibbs, '04, Social Circle, Ga.

J. S. White, '04, LaGrange, Ga.

G. W. Yancey, '04, LaGrange, Ga.

We trust that our sister chapters have had as fortunate an opening as ourselves. Through the industry of the Summer Campaign Association and the inspiring hope, the thrilling enthusiasm, a desperate resolve of our men at the critical moment, our chapter has achieved a success unparalleled in her history—not a man rushed by our men was lost. With our number thus augmented, we begin the year filled with hope and confidence, “the past unsigh for, and the future sure.”

Our university, too, with splendid insight, has caught the spirit of the times, and is making rapid advancement as an institution of learning. Her endowment fund is soon to be increased by hundred thousand dollars.

On November 2d the student body will attend the State Oratorical Contest in Atlanta. Mercer has always been victorious in this contest and is confident of victory again. On account of the assembling there of Sigs from over the State, the occasion will especially enjoyed by us.

Of the honors contested for at the beginning of the term we have secured a good share.

Brother Jackson has been elected anniversarian of the Phi Delta Literary Society and vice-president of the Athletic Association. Brother McDonnell is manager of the junior football team. Brother Yancey of the freshman. We have five members of the college orchestra, together with a number of class honors.

Several of our men who have considerable dramatic talent have organized the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Dramatic club, whose entertainments afford pleasant diversion for the chapter. The weekly meetings of the chapter have been varied and made more cheerful and enlivening. The first meeting of the month is strictly a business one. At the

remaining meetings, a short meeting is held for the transaction of important business; the remainder of the evening is devoted to social enjoyment, to entertainment by the dramatic club, or to discussion of fraternity history, benefits, development, etc. Thus relieving the meetings of all monotony, we make them attractive and create among the members a truer fraternity spirit.

In our present prosperous condition we feel that the permanent prestige of  $\Sigma A E$  at Mercer could be established beyond all peradventure if we could enter a chapter-house. This, the faculty refuses to permit. We do not, however, consider our cause futile. By directing all our energies to this end, we expect to prevail upon the faculty to modify their attitude, and it is possible that the opening of another term will witness the realization of our hopes.

We are taking great interest in the approaching National Convention at Boston. Its proceedings will be closely watched at Mercer, and we expect to derive much good from the report of our delegate. All success to the convention!

Fraternally,  
H. S. HERTWIG.

#### Georgia Epsilon, Emory College, Oxford.

##### INITIATES.

E. R. Wright, '01, Rome, Ga.

A. F. Crovatt, '04, Brunswick, Ga.

H. L. Wooten, '04, Washington, Ga.

College opened this year in a most flourishing condition, but fraternity material was rather scarce, as shown by the few members initiated by the leading fraternities.

We returned twelve of our old men, and have initiated since the opening of college three men.

Brothers Phillips and Hightower, of last year's sophomore class, did not return. The former has affiliated with Virginia Omicron, while the latter is attending a business college in Atlanta, Ga.

Although our chapter roll is smaller than usual this year, I think it would be hard to find a more loyal and congenial crowd, and there is no reason why Georgia Epsilon should not enjoy a prosperous and profitable year.

The following college honors have fallen to the lot of  $\Sigma A E$  since the fall opening:

Foreman, president of Oratorical Association, and Timmons, Secretary and Treasurer.

Timmons, manager junior basket-ball team.

Batthey, dux of the sub-freshmen department.

Anderson, prophet of sophomore class.

representative in the State oratorical contest appears on the mystic scroll.

Not the least of this year's gain is the marked stimulus to fraternal loyalty. Not that fraternal loyalty has been wanting in the past, but a new impelling force has awakened a livelier interest in our meetings and made more firm our brotherhood.

Akin to the last named gain, is the wise planning for our future interests. Steps have been taken and committee appointed to bring about a reunion of our chapter next June. Our permanent furniture fund inaugurated last June as an innovation, we believe will prove a success. These are the salient points of the year's acquirements.

Yours in Σ A E,

C. L. DARK.

**Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College, Alliance.**

INITIATES.

Charles L. Teeters, '02.

Frank C. Crumbecker, '03.

H. O. Seebring, '03.

Since our last chapter letter to THE RECORD many events have transpired in our fraternity life. Especially do we note the marriages of Lela Caskey and Kline F. Leet, Rose Mercer and J. Frank Knotts. Ohio Sigma is proud of her married men, and has extended to these couples their best wishes for true success and uninterrupted happiness.

Our chapter-roll has been depleted again by the death of Brother Edward Clarence Wolfe, '03. He was a man highly respected in his fraternity, and we attested to this fact by attending his funeral in a body.

Brother Osborne Downs, '03, is recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

H. O. Seebring has been elected manager of the baseball team; Crumbecker president of the athletic association, and Teeters editor-in-chief of the society paper.

The senior class organized October 25th, and as a result, Judson Jefferys is class-day orator; Harry Griffith, Greek orator; F. W. Lease, Latin orator, and F. E. McGuire, business manager of the *Unonian*.

As to our home life, we are having good times, and with fourteen boys in the house, our finances are in good shape. Quite an addition has been made to the house in the way of a porch. The improvement is quite noticeable and makes ours, without doubt, the most commodious "frat" house in the city.

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## PROVINCE DELTA.

## Michigan Iota-Beta, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Michigan Iota-Beta commenced the new school year with nine old men who spent lots of time and energy in working for the success of Σ A E. Our efforts were not fruitless, as we have four men pledged and are rushing several others.

We were very fortunate to have Brother Hayes return to college after being absent four years. He is an enthusiastic worker, and has strengthened our band very much.

We wish to thank all the Sigs for notifying us of new men entering Michigan, as it has been a pleasure to look them up, and has proven the means of our success. Then let it be the duty of every loyal Sig to write our different chapters, making known new men. It would reduce the worry of every chapter one hundred per cent. For is there one that has not felt the uncertainty of the coming year, the uncertainty of the old men returning, and more so of obtaining new men to take the place of those who left. Think what a help we can be to each other.

In athletics we have two men trying for the varsity, and both have a very good chance of wearing an "M" sweater.

In politics, we have the presidency of the Democratic Club, and also one man campaigning this State for McKinley.

Our prospects have never been brighter, and with the combined efforts of all, we have been able to realize the benefits of our order.

We all join in wishing the best of success to our sister chapters.

Yours fraternally,

CLYDE I. WEBSTER.

## Michigan Alpha, Adrian College, Adrian.

Michigan Alpha has made good and substantial gains during the few weeks since the opening of college. Her gains, if I may call them such, may be grouped under four heads: 1. As to pledge members. 2. As to places of honor in the college. 3. As to fraternal loyalty. 4. As to wise planning for future interests.

Already we have pledged several new men, and yet there are more to follow if present activities of our men and inclinations of our friends indicate anything sure. The new men are the pick of the crowd entering this year, and we have much to expect from them which gives promise for the future.

As to places of honor in the college we have not been wanting. In athletics we excelled in number of points at our last meet. The president of the oratorical league and president of the senior class are wearers of the purple and gold, and the name of our

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Brother Ziegler from Ohio Wesleyan, and Brothers Stroup, Jose, and Fatherly from Drew. Among the brothers attending special schools we would remember Willis F. Sanford, who prepares himself for dentistry at University of Cincinnati.

James D. Fording<sup>3</sup> is in Baltimore learning how to "plug." He will be greatly missed in the basket-ball team this year.

Faternally yours,

FRANK E. MCGUIRE.

Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

INITIATES.

John Wesley Page, Cincinnati, O.

John Fletcher Robinson, Delaware, O.

Eugene Knight Sarnes, Elmore, O.

In spite of the fact that Ohio Delta lost seven men by graduation last spring term, she was upon the scene of action early this fall with twelve initiated men. In all modesty, Ohio Delta can say that she put up a stiff rush, and that a week after the term opened three new men were safely landed. We now number fifteen members.

The outlook for the chapter here is very promising. We are making an earnest effort to keep ourselves up to the same old standard in morals, scholarship, athletics and social life, and are bidding only those men who will stand by us in this effort.

We are pleased to state that Brother Wilson, one of our seniors of last year, is instructor in Latin in the university this year, and that we have the advantage of his aid and counsel.

Brother Loran Kerr, '00, has accepted the chair of Natural Science in Williamette University of Salem, Oregon. He was accompanied to his new position by his brother, Raymond Kerr, '02, whom we expect to have back with us next year.

Ohio Delta surely has a bright outlook for the coming year in every line.

Yours fraternally,

F. E. WATKINS.

Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati.

INITIATES.

Eustace Hale Ball, '03.

James Thomas Griffith, '04.

Walter James Heintz, '04.

Edward Wyllis Hyde, Jr., '04.

Andrew Jergens, Jr., '04.

Howard Treasure Jones, '04.

James Marlay Kugler, '04.

Tom Stringer Duffy Stewart, '04.

Since our last letter was written the fall term has commenced, and we are a'll hard at work again. The University has improved very much, and the registration is larger than ever before. Ohio Epsilon has kept pace with the improvements of the college in every way. Losing by graduation only two men, and four others who did not return, we opened the year with the largest chapter of any of the fraternities in Cincinnati. Brother Charls, who was elected captain of the football team, is now in Indianapolis.

Pierson and Newkirk are in business in this city. Roberts is at the law school here, and so is still with us.

From the conflict incident to the rushing season, the purple and gold came out victorious.

In college honors we hold our usual place. Van Matre is captain of the football team, of which two other of our men are members.

We hold the presidency of the freshman and sophomore classes and other minor class officers. The editor-in-chief and one of the associate editors of the "*McMicken Review*," our college month'y, are Sig Alphs.

Our improvement internally is also very gratifying. We have set apart one meeting every month as an active and alumni reunion, and we hope for great benefit from this plan. In this connection let me acknowledge pleasant visits from Brothers Rice, Perkins and Kehoe of Kentucky Epsilon, Wright of Kentucky Kappa, Mytinger of Ohio Delta and Sanford of Ohio Sigma. Our meetings are more enthusiastic and better attended than ever before within my experience, and our prospects for the year are very bright.

Fraternally,

EDWIN L. HUTCHINS.

Ohio Theta, Ohio State University, Columbus.

#### INITIATES.

John Wesley Cosley, '04, Troy, O.

Harry Green Southard, '04, Marysville, O.

Seventeen of us have returned to pursue our studies in Ohio State University, and a certain vim and vigor has characterized our "rushing." Two new men have been initiated. To-morrow night we initiate two pledged men, and in the course of two or three weeks we hope to have pledge pins on five more.

"Oh, for a larger house" is this year's cry of distress. Not only is the chapter-house full, but our "preps" are knocking at the doors and anxious to get in. This assures us of a successful financial year. Next year, however, we are hoping to have a new and larger home, and although it will cause a sigh of regret for us



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to leave this home which has been ours since the chapter was instilled, still we must have more room.

The O. S. U. Glee club, has recently been brought together again and finds our chapter on hand with three members, Taylor, Martin and White. Brother Taylor, by the way, is president of said organization. In the male quartet, which has been such a popular and musical success for the past few years, we are represented by Taylor and White.

In other fields we still graze. Brother Miller is president of the Political Science Club, also of Horton Literary Society and editor-in-chief of our college paper, "*The Lantern*." Brother Taylor is managing our basket-ball team and working our politics *a la* Mark Hanna. Denny holds the honor of being major of the Cadet Battalion.

Dickinson has assumed the proud title of professor of Romance languages in the Columbus Central High School. Brother Jones is vice-president of Horton, and thus it goes.

Brother Andrews has received the present of an Angora cat, a most beautiful creature, the gift of his old friend Bruin Griffith. We consider "Mephisto" to be our mascot and would not part with him for anything.

Please remember that there is an open door to welcome all wandering Sigs whenever you may chance to "drop in" on us.

Faternally,

CARROLL A. WHITE.

Indiana Alpha, Franklin College, Franklin.

### INITIATES.

Harry Mock, '04, Muncie, Ind.  
Norman Pritchard, '04, Franklin, Ind.  
LeRoy Waggener, '04, Franklin, Ind.

We commenced the year greatly weakened by the loss of six good men who were graduated last year. However, we entered the fall term with nine active men, and with Brother A. R. Hatton, '99, in the chair of history, succeeding Professor Goodell. Brother H. B. Benninghoff is also connected with the faculty as assistant professor of English.

There is a large freshman class this year, containing some good frat material, and the Sigs are getting the lion's share of it. Already three men have been initiated, we have pledged four more, and are spiking several more, with excellent prospects for winning.

As to positions of honor in the college, we certainly have our quota. In addition to the faculty members, mentioned above LeRoy Waggener is captain of the football team, which is th

best in the history of the institution. Four additional men are in the squad. C. J. Powell is president of the Athletic Association and also president of the senior class. C. E. Alexander is vice-president of the Oratorical Association, and J. Ralph Voris is editor-in-chief of the college paper, the *Kodak*, which is now one of the most attractive college papers in the country; W. A. Burton is a member of the publication board of the same. We are also well represented in the offices of the sophomore and freshman classes.

We are building new quarters in the town, and hope to be occupying them by the Christmas vacation.

Brother Curtis, '00, is in the shoe business in this city, and Brother Ragsdale, who was in Chicago University last year, is teaching near here; so we have the benefit of their presence and counsel in our meetings.

Prospects were perhaps never brighter for Indiana Alpha than now; and it is our purpose to make the royal purple and old gold the standard of excellence in Franklin.

Fraternally,

WILL A. BURTON.

#### Indiana Beta, Purdue University, Lafayette.

From all indications at this writing Indiana Beta has entered upon one of the most prosperous years of her existence. From a small band of ten, we have grown to twenty, and have not as yet ceased our efforts. We have not so far had an initiation, the regulations here prohibiting the initiation of freshmen. But we now have several upper classmen who will probably be Sig Alphas when this goes to press.

We have had several of our alumni visit us this year. Brothers Bird and Galoway spent several days with us. We have also received short visits from Brothers Chandler, '99, Taylor, '97, and Sawyer, of Nebraska Lambda-Pi. If more of our alumni realized the good their presence, encouragement and advice did us, we should have more of these visits.

Two of our number, Brothers Sawyer and Mueller, are taking postgraduate work. All of our ten pledged men are enthusiastic workers for  $\Sigma A E$ .

Our house has been painted and papered, and is now a home of which we can be especially proud. We are always glad to give any wandering Sig Alpha shelter between its walls and have him break bread with us.

Fraternally yours,

HARRY J. SHAW.



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Here's to your undivided success. Keep up a high pressure and the banner of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will remain at the head of the column. With best wishes for the prosperity of the fraternity, I am  
 Yours in Σ A E,                      ORA LOFTIN HALL.

**Illinois Beta, University of Illinois, Champaign.**

INITIATES.

Henry H. Anderson, '04, Chicago, Ill.  
 John U. Davis, '04, Sterling, Ill.  
 Chester A. Heinzelman, '04, Belleville, Ill.  
 Albert E. Logeman, '04, Chicago, Ill.  
 Leonard J. Miller, '04, Sterling, Ill.  
 Earl L. Yocum, '04, Galva, Ill.

We began our third year with thirteen old men, but our success leads us to believe that there is no danger in the proverbial "thirteen." As a result of our efforts so far this year, we have initiated six new men, all members of the freshman class. Two more members of the freshman class are wearing the purple and gold, and we hope to increase our number to twenty-five before the end of the year.

As we anticipated in our last letter, we are happily located in our chapter-house on Illinois street, in Urbana. We have sixteen men in the house and all are pleased with life in a "frat" home. We find that our new home is a great advantage to us in creating a strong feeling of fellowship and genuine fraternity spirit among our members. As a result of living together, we work together better in fraternity matters, and have less trouble during the rushing season than we would were we scattered over the two twin-cities. We are negotiating for a larger and more commodious house than we have at present, and next year will find us permanently located in a house of our own.

Since the fall semester opened we have enjoyed visits from Brothers D. E. Wenstrand of Illinois Psi-Omega, Bird of Indiana Beta, and Sawyer of Nebraska Lambda-Pi.

It is a little early to mention college honors as yet. Brother Logeman is "sub" on the varsity and Brother Heinzelman plays on the freshman team. Brothers Johnson and Clark are members of the military band.

A number of our men went to Chicago to witness the Illinois-Michigan game, and while there met a number of Sig Alphas from Michigan and Northwestern.

We purchased a copy of Brother Levere's "Twixt Greek and Barb," and we think all chapters will find the judge's book a worthy addition to their libraries.

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT MYRON JOHNSON.



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KENTUCKY KAPPA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

## PROVINCE EPSILON.

## Kentucky Kappa, Central University, Richmond, Kentucky.

## INITIATES.

J. Ballard Clark, '02, LaGrange, Ky.  
 Edward C. Stockton, '03, Richmond, Ky.  
 W. E. Andrews, '04, New Orleans, La.  
 M. Hardin Stewart, '04, Owensboro, Ky.

Kentucky Kappa returned nine men; Brothers Howell, Wallace and McClellan failing to come back.

Fraternity timber was not as plentiful this year as last, but Kentucky Kappa has held her own.

Nearly all of the brothers took part in the sham battle of Perryville, held at Louisville on the 19th of October. Brother Stevenson, '98, commanded the C. U. corps, in which Brother Rowell is ranking captain and Brother Andres junior first lieutenant.

A good many of us also went to Lexington on November 3 to the Central vs. Centre game. There we had the pleasure of meeting many of our Epsilon brothers, who have a strong, fine chapter, and who proved themselves ideal entertainers. All brothers who pass through Lexington will do well to wear their pins and look up our State College brothers.

We have our usual share of college honors. Brother Tadlock is editor-in-chief of the *Central News*, the college weekly, and Brother Toy is on the staff. Brother Reese is on the football team, and Brothers Andrews and Rankin are subs.

Brother W. H. Lassing, '03, has passed his examinations to the Naval Academy. Brother Lassing makes the third man whom Kappa has sent to the academy in the last five years, Brothers Bisset and Kimmel being the others.

As the time approaches for the holding of the National Convention, we are discussing the things we think will be brought up before the convention in December.

We are greatly distressed to hear of the death of Brother W. L. Wilson, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to our Washington and Lee brothers for their great loss.

Fraternally yours, J. ROCKWELL SMITH.

## Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.

## INITIATES.

E. G. Faris, Hickman, Ky.  
 R. R. Foster, Saddy, Tenn.  
 J. L. Hopson, Canton, Ky.  
 T. H. McCarley, Auburn, Ky.  
 H. L. Pendleton, Pembroke, Ky.



Kentucky Iota opened with as bright prospects as she has for several years. Eight old men are back, ready and willing for hard work. Five men have been initiated into the mysteries of  $\Sigma A E$ , and have gone readily to work. Judging from our start, we are sure that we can make "thirteen" a most lucky number.

On the evening of September 15th, 1900, Brothers Booth and Lotterhos, of Tennessee Zeta, visited us and assisted in the initiation.

We are very well represented in every phase of college life. Four men represent us on the football team; three on the advisory board of Blue and Gold, the college magazine; three on the editorial staff of the same, and we have about half the officers of our Athletic Association. We are also well represented in society, and have a full share of all positions of minor importance.

Wishing a prosperous year to all sister chapters, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

E. P. J. GARROTT.

#### Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State College, Lexington.

##### INITIATES.

Basil M. Brooks, Slaughter'sville, Ky.

James S. Caldwell, Paducah, Ky.

Edgar Furgeson, Benton, Ky.

W. Alfred Spanton, Covington, Ky.

Kentucky Epsilon began this year's work with nine of the twelve active members of last year; Brothers Smarr, Graham and McElroy being the absent ones

All of our members kept in touch during vacation, and by agreement were on hand early in the season prepared for rushing. We have had an exceptionally successful season, having initiated four men and pledged two. This might be called good, for the three other fraternities represented at State College have taken in only two men.

Although our chapter is in its infancy, we have not only held our own, but have every reason to believe that we are gaining ground. We are represented in the battalion this year by the captain and first lieutenant of the artillery, and by three first lieutenants, one second lieutenant, and four non-commissioned officers in the infantry. Guy W. Rice is president of the Athletic Association, and associate editor of our college magazine, "The Kentuckian." Wade H. Berkins is manager of the football team, on which we are represented by Humphrey and Kehoe. Basil M. Brooks is president of the college mess, and will represent us in the declamatory contest.

We have organized a study of all things pertaining to fraternity work as suggested to us by Brother Frank A. Gamble, our Province President.

We are always glad to have visiting brothers with us, and extend a cordial invitation to all.

With best wishes to all sister chapters, I am  
Fraternally yours,

A. S. DABNEY.

**Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville.**

INITIATES.

E. R. Cannon, Camden, Ala.

W. Y. Foster, Hope, Ark.

W. R. Pickering, Clarksville, Tenn.

T. M. Russell, Trenton, Ky.

When the session of 1900-'01 opened, chapter Zeta had returned only two men, but with the assistance of our *fratres in urbe* we entered upon the rushing season with zeal and enthusiasm. The number of new students was small, and as there are chapters here representing five fraternities, the contest for men was spirited, but we succeeded in obtaining four good men.

In athletics Σ A E is represented by Brothers Gill and Pickering who are on the gymnasium team. With such an auspicious beginning, we anticipate a prosperous year and feel confident that Σ A E will win her share of honors.

With best wishes to all our chapters,  
Fraternally,

P. A. LOTTERHOS

**Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon.**

INITIATES.

Otho Carr, El Paso, Texas.

Charles Dougherty, Montgomery, Ala.

John Avery Grannis, Lebanon, Tenn.

James Ewart Head, Paris, Tenn.

David Earl Mitchell, Lebanon, Tenn.

Bert Pinson Woodard, Fayetteville, Tenn.

Milton Hathorn Woodward, Louisville, Miss.

Our chapter opened this last September with only three members, but those that were here were men that loved and cherished their dear order, as all Σ A E's should and do after they have become acquainted with the history and records of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

They did not spare any labor and pains to do what could be

done for the advancement of the fraternity in general and the obtaining of worthy members.

Hence the exertion put forth has resulted in Lambda chapter having fourteen 'Sigs,' some of whom we feel certain will have won for themselves honors in their classes for high standing, and no one of them will cast any reflection on the pin he so proudly wears.

We lost about twelve men last term, most of them being students of the law department.

Although it was discouraging to have so many men leave the ranks of active fraternity life to do battle in another sphere of existence, yet this seemed only to put determination into the hearts of those remaining to fill the unoccupied places of those that had gone.

Brother Robert Leslie Kimbrough, who was here in '98 but did not return in '99, is with us again.

Jefferson Moore, who attended the S. W. P. U., at Clarksville, last year, and was a member of Tennessee Zeta, is now in our law school.

Hewey Buford Macey of this city is at present in the literary department. He went to Mooney school, Franklin, Tenn., '99-'00.

Yours fraternally,

S. W. BRYAN.

#### **Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.**

##### INITIATES.

R. F. Travis, '03, Paris, Tenn.

Sam M. Barr, '04, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Nicholas J. Gantt, '04, Magnolia, Ark.

John W. Hanner, Jr., '04, Gallatin, Tenn.

Frank K. Houston, '04, Woodbury, Tenn.

George P. Jackson, '04, Birmingham, Ala.

Albert S. Rees, '04, Fayetteville, Tenn.

It is with some pride that we greet the general fraternity with our first chapter letter of the year, for we feel that Nu has done herself proud, and we have good hopes of many other honors to be worthily gained during the session of 1900-01.

Last year for the first time in a long while the chapter was enthusiastic, and although we left with no very great deeds to our credit, we at least laid the foundations for a successful after-term, and already feel that we are reaping the reward of our last year's preparations.

Brothers Simmons and Holderness remained at the University during most of the summer vacation, and it is due largely, nay,

almost entirely, to their zeal and hard work that the chapter is ensconced in the best located frat house in the University.

Most of us were on hand early and we started in the "fall rushing" with such vim that we soon succeeded in landing six of the best men who entered this year. We have not yet stopped the "rushing" process, and I shall probably have more names to report later.

We are also so fortunate as to have with us this year Brothers Davis and Lawson from Alabama Iota.

While it is early to begin a report of honors won, it would perhaps be not amiss to state that Holderness is assistant manager of the baseball team and president of the junior class; Simmons continues to hold down end on the varsity; Scott and Rees are instructors in the engineering department and laboratory respectively; Campbell is athletic editor of the college paper, *The Hustler*, and Jackson has a "dead cinch" on the glee club. Our men, we are glad to say, are showing up well, both in lecture-room and on the athletic field.

With a strong band of congenial fellows, a nice house and plenty of fair frat sisters, we see no reason why Nu should not experience one of the most successful years of her history.

With best wishes to our sister chapters and all Sigdom, I am  
Yours for  $\Sigma A E$ ,

J. B. CAMPBELL.

#### **Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.**

##### INITIATES.

S. B. Allen, '04, Knoxville, Tenn.  
Clifford R. Fuller, '04, Memphis, Tenn.  
Powell M. Fuller, '04, Memphis, Tenn.  
Booth McKinney, '04, Knoxville, Tenn.  
C. Powell Smith, '04, Knoxville, Tenn.

Immediately on the opening of the new collegiate year, Tennessee Kappa gathered together her forces yet unaffected by the vicissitudes of time and the changes in academic life, and endeavored to assume some form of order and be in readiness for work. A good proportion of our last year's men returned, and it was a great pleasure to meet once more and renew our fraternity associations.

We are glad to have with us this year our alumnus, Brother T. W. Garret, who has moved to this city and is in business, Alex. M. Hall, another honored alumnus and veteran of the Spanish-American war, likewise returned to our midst in order to pursue the study of law in his Alma Mater.

The chapter is now considering seriously the project of having new quarters arranged for club rooms, but have made no definite plans thus far. Yours fraternally, ALBERT T. SUMMEY.

**Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.**

The sole topic of interest and conversation here now is, as in the case of most other universities, football, and with our glorious and untarnished record of last year as champions of the South, we feel confident of winding up the season unsullied by defeat and again preeminently supreme.

At the present date we have played four games, which resulted as follows: Sewanee 33, Bethel College 0; Sewanee 18, Cumberland University 0; Sewanee 21, University of Georgia 6; Sewanee 34, Georgia School of Technology 0. Up to the present we have conducted a most successful season, but we have yet our most formidable opponent to meet, the University of Virginia, a game which takes place in Richmond on Thanksgiving Day and promises to be exciting and interesting in the extreme.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon still maintains her proud stand and our prospects are exceedingly bright. We have already pledged one man, whom we hope to have the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity in our next letter. We are very sorry to announce the loss of Brother B. N. Barnwell, who has gone to New York to accept a position in civil engineering.

The chapter-house has undergone more repairs and further improvements still are contemplated.

The present Trinity term will soon expire, and already we are beginning to look forward to home. But still this is not a pleasure unalloyed, for there is an indefinable something in Sewanee embracing all and binding us together with a force unable to be appreciated and making all endure a feeling of regret when finally we depart. The idyllic relation between man and man, the delightful absence of that most destructive bane to college life and progress, fraternity politics, all tend to create an existence charming and unparalleled.

Our entire chapter is greatly interested in the Boston Convention, and we earnestly hope a large number will be present.

Yours in S A E,

ROBT. E. COWART, JR.

**Tennessee Eta, Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson.**

INITIATES.

J. C. Cockroft, Dyersburg, Tenn.

W. W. Mitchell, Olive Branch, Miss.

E. W. Reese, Petersburg, Tenn.

A. M. Stevenson, Morton, Miss.

Losing two men by graduation last year—W. J. Evans taking the degree of B.S., and A. C. Biggs in the Commercial Department—we returned ten strong, loyal and working Sigs, all willing to undertake the duties and participate in the pleasures appreciated only by those permitted to invade the happy realms of Sigdom.

Brother H. T. Herring, an initiate of our chapter, who affiliated last year with Tennessee Kappa, has returned to take a course in law.

Brother Fonville, after an absence of one year, has rejoined us.

Commencement of 1900 was one extremely pleasant for all Sigs. Having passed safely the dread portals of examinations, and having received the desired promotions, we all entered into the many pleasures of commencement week. Since our chapter was first organized in this institution (and Sigma Alpha Epsilon was the first Greek-letter "frat" here) the records of this institution, if correct, show that the graduation medal has, excepting one time, been won by a member of  $\Sigma A E$ . This record was again kept unbroken when Brother W. F. Evans was awarded the "Strickland" medal for 1900. Brother Evans also took the "Hunter" medal of the Apollonian Literary Society, and Brother McNatt received the "Young" medal of the Calliopean Society. Thereby chapter Eta unboastingly reports having taken the three highest honors in the university.

Brothers Bloom and McNatt have been selected as contestants in the primary contest for representative to the State oratorical contest.

The  $\Sigma A E$  girls have also welcomed back another semester of school, and on the evening of October 3d chapter Eta entertained at "Gypsy tea" out at Highland Park. Waltzing and the two-step were indulged in to the inspiration of enchanting music and lovely faces until a late hour, when all returned, making the air ring with our fraternity cheer. Our chapter also participated in the grand floral parade during the Elks' carnival on October 15th. The  $\Sigma A E$  carriage, beautifully decorated in purple and gold (the emblem of our order, worked in gold background, placed upon each side), and occupied by a committee of six, brought forth compliments from the managers of the parade, and more so from the fair sex and admirers of our chapter as a whole.

We predict the coming year as a banner year for Chapter Eta, and intend that our delegate to the Boston convention shall report everything prosperous.

With best wishes for all sister chapters,

Fraternally,

T. FUGITT SMALLING.

## Alabama Mu, University of Alabama, University.

## INITIATES.

F. M. Lett, '02, Goodhope, Ala.

W. H. Mitchell, '02, Florence, Ala.

E. J. Cain, '03, Wetumpka, Ala.

Our chapter has begun the new collegiate year in excellent condition. Although we lost four members who graduated last June, and one who failed to return, J. M. Austin, '03, we nevertheless began the year with seventeen men. We have initiated, so far, three new men into the bonds of  $\Sigma \Lambda E$ , which number, with one affiliate, gives us a membership of twenty-one.

Brother T. H. Jack, '02, of Alabama Iota, has affiliated himself with us, and we cordially welcome him into our midst.

Our chapter has already assumed its customary high place in college life. Besides standing well in academic work, our chapter is well represented on the athletic field, in the Military Department of the University, and in literary work. We have also received our share of class honors.

Our anticipations of fraternity life for the new year are only of the pleasantest. Our relations with our sister fraternities are exceedingly friendly, while among ourselves there is of course, nothing but harmony. So, in association with such a band of fellows as we have gathered together, there is no reason why our college life should not be full of pleasure.

We are looking forward with much interest to the convention at Boston and its work. We hope to send two delegates to what we have no doubt will be one of the most profitable and enjoyable gatherings in the history of our fraternity.

I am fraternally yours,

P. B. SMITH.

## Alabama Iota, Southern University, Greensboro.

## INITIATES.

J. D. Chappelle.

J. E. Cross.

W. H. Cryer.

J. W. McCann.

E. W. Patton.

M. D. Thomason.

We rejoice to report that Alabama Iota has begun another year with her characteristic zeal and enthusiasm. We lost by graduation Brothers C. S. Weems, L. J. Lawson and F. K. Gamble, and a few other loyal brothers failed to return. But at the first roll-

call nine experienced and energetic members responded. At this writing we are confident that, unless all signs fail, this will be one of the most prosperous years in the history of the chapter.

Our alumni greatly aided us in securing our new initiates, for almost every one was well recommended. Our new men are working with all the zeal and determination of veterans in the cause of  $\Sigma A E$ .

Just at this time much interest centers in our football team, and more than ordinary enthusiasm and interest are manifested in athletics. Brothers E. B. Dunlap, S. H. Welch and J. D. Carpenter represent us on the football eleven. Brother B. C. Threadgill is on the staff of the *Monthly*, and we feel assured that ere the term draws to a close the wearers of the purple and old gold will have received their full share of honors in every department of college work.

Every member of Alabama Iota is looking forward with great expectations to our reception, which will be given in honor of our loyal and faithful brother, Anderson Hanna, whose nuptials occur on the 5th of December.

Perfect congeniality reigns in our midst, and every meeting seems to draw all the members closer together in the bonds of our noble order.

Fraternally yours,

J. D. CARPENTER.

#### Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.

##### INITIATES.

W. N. Odkin, '04, Rome, Ga.

F. S. Shepard, '04, Chattanooga, Tenn.

It is with great anticipation for  $\Sigma A E$  that we enter upon the present session, and things are looking bright in the extreme, considering our very gloomy beginning. Our strength was greatly reduced, numerically speaking, by the graduation of seven of our ablest and most efficient members, but we returned ten men in September, and have since initiated two men, have received one affiliate, and have one man pledged. Our affiliate is Brother W. J. Wakefield of Alabama Iota. We are also glad to have with us Brother Watkins of Tennessee Zeta. He is here as coach of the "varsity" football team, and his success with the team is very flattering indeed, the team not having been scored against this year. The management of the football team at the end of last season was given to Brother W. J. Cameron, but on his not returning the managership was conferred on Brother Nixon.

Relations between the "barbs" and fraternity men this year are very strained indeed, and as there are about five to one in favor



of the "barbs," all honors are bitterly contested. The *Annual* has been in the past years the work of the fraternities, but the "barbs" are making terrible efforts to get out one on their own hook. Its success is a thing of the future. Brother Bradford represents us on the board of editors of the fraternity *Annual* in the capacity of assistant business manager. Brother Moore holds a like position on the college weekly.

We are indebted to Brother W. B. Selvage of Province Beta for a copy of their *Annual*, gotten out this year. It is complete in every detail, and speaks well for the executive council and individual chapters of the Province.

We, like the rest of the general fraternity, are looking forward to the Boston convention, and hope to be as well represented as we have always been.

Fraternally,

ALBERT S. JOHNSON.

### PROVINCE ZETA.

**Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri, Columbia.**

#### INITIATES.

C. Arthur Brown, Kansas City, Mo.

John Brown, Edina, Mo.

Smith R. Downs, Kansas City, Mo.

W. Burr Douglass, Kansas City, Mo.

D. K. Hall, Harrisonville, Mo.

Harold H. Inge, Sedalia, Mo.

R. Homer Love, Nevada, Mo.

Lee Philbrook, Kansas City, Mo.

Dan S. Saunders, Kansas City, Mo.

Henry P. Thayer, Kansas City, Mo.

In the mid-rush of the most prosperous year our Alma Mater has ever seen, we take pride and pleasure in recording the rapid advancement of Missouri Alpha among the Greeks of Columbia.

Fifteen Sigs were on hand early in September to take up the good work, and now our chapter roll holds twenty-six names, the largest chapter in the history of Missouri Alpha. Everything is running smoothly, and our prospects are of the brightest.

We are in our last year's house, refitted and improved. Our chapter-house plan is rapidly maturing, and we hope to be able to show its substantial fruits before long.

In athletics we are represented as usual on the gridiron. Brothers Hogan, Houx and Douglass play on the varsity, and Hall, Black and Saunders on the second eleven. Several men are in training for the spring track events.

During the past months we have been gladdened by short visits

from several alumni. Brothers Ferrell of St. Joseph, Snider of Kansas City, Howard of Carthage, and French (now a senior medic in P. and S., Chicago) have given us the old grip.

Trusting that the Boston convention will be an unqualified success, I remain

Fraternally,

S. BAILEY HOUX.

### Missouri Beta, Washington University, St. Louis.

#### INITIATES.

William W. Brey, '03, St. Louis, Mo.

Walter L. Hempelman, '04, St. Louis, Mo.

Kurt Toensfeldt, '04, St. Louis, Mo.

Herbert De Wolf, '04, St. Louis, Mo.

Missouri Beta opened the college year with the best of prospects. Eleven men of the fifteen we had last year have returned and plunged into the exciting work of "rushing." Two of our men lost by graduation, Brothers E. C. F. Koken and H. C. Toensfeldt, are at present out of town holding good positions. We have with us this year Brother W. T. Koken, Jr., '01, who attended the Rolla School of Mines last year. Brother Koken is an old Missouri Beta man, having joined our chapter in 1897. We have also with us Brother H. O. Walker, of Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon. Brother Walker is attending the St. Louis Medical College, which is a department of Washington University. As a result of our rushing, we pledged four men, whom we initiated on November 3d.

Some time ago our chapter took a notion that we ought to have a photograph of our illustrious brother in  $\Sigma$  A E. President McKinley. So, with many misgivings, your scribe drafted a letter to the president. It was just a week before election, but all politics did not keep the president from sending us his signed photograph. To-day it has the place of honor in our chapter-room, and we thank our eminent brother for his gift.

In one of our chapter letters last year some mention was made of the new site for Washington University near the city limits. To-day we have more to boast of. The corner-stones of two of the main buildings have been laid with impressive ceremonies, and work is being vigorously pushed. These two buildings are University Hall, the main building, to be devoted to studies not requiring laboratories, and Busch Hall, to be devoted to chemistry. It is the intention to have the buildings completed by September, 1901. When we do enter our new home, it will be no idle boast to say that Washington University is to be one of the educational powers of the West.

On Saturday, October 27th, we had the pleasure of meeting sev-

enteen brothers from Missouri Alpha. They were in St. Louis to attend the annual football game between Missouri State University and Washington University. Our team was defeated in that contest by the close score of six to five.

While we have been congratulating ourselves upon the new campus we are to have, we have not forgotten that we ought to have a chapter-house on the new site. We know we ought to have one, and accordingly have been discussing all sorts of plans to raise money to build one.

Yours in  $\Sigma A E$ ,

H. A. DAWES.

**Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.**

INITIATES.

Jessie Pier Fuller. Gr.  
Aulden Turk, '03.  
Guy Alexander, '04.  
Thos. Appleget, '04.  
Earl Eager, '04.  
Edward Roth, '04.  
Murray Townsend, '04.  
Robert Wheeler, '04.  
Arthur Beckman, Sp.  
Ray Elliott, Sp.  
Fred Funke, Sp.

The University opened very auspiciously for fraternities this year, as there were about five hundred new students, beside two thousand old ones who had not been entirely picked over.

We started the year with thirteen active men and five resident alumni. Up to date we have initiated eleven good, strong men, ranging from freshman to graduate student, thus giving us twenty-four active men. We are located at 635 South Eleventh street in a comfortable and cozily furnished house. We have our meals in the house, which adds another element of home comfort.

Thus far there have been but few college honors bestowed, but we have had our share. Brother Klinge, who won two gold medals for competitive drill last June, is captain of Company B; Brother Cowgill is a member of the athletic board—elected by general student vote; Brother Shidler was master of ceremonies at the sophomore hop.

We have given several small and very informal smokers, which proved quite successful. But our real social whirl will begin November 9th, when Brother Funke is giving us a big dance at his home. After that we expect to entertain in a number of ways.

Our last initiation is worthy of mention. At eleven o'clock at

night the active chapter, in black or white robes, with masks, proceeded to a lonely country place in a carryall, the neophytes trudging behind, securely tied. Arrived at the woods we gave them a rousing good touch of the goat. Finally the chapter gathered around the eminent archon and we gave them the ritual by flaring torchlight, under a grove of giant elms. It was very impressive. By four o'clock we returned to the house and sat down to a very nice spread.

No other fraternity here has secured so many men, particularly town men, of which we have taken more than twice as many as any one else. This encourages us greatly.

Since the opening of the year we have had visits from Brothers Charles Monroe Best, Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, and O. F. Harting, Missouri Beta. We wish only for a chance to entertain more Sig Alphas.

Yours in  $\Sigma A E$ ,

CHARLES ORAN STEWART.

### Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

#### INITIATES.

F. M. Billings, '03, Nevada, Mo.  
 Roy Lester, '03, New Lewisville, Ark.  
 E. W. McAlester, '03, McAlester, I. T.  
 J. F. Muller, '03, Little Rock, Ark.  
 E. A. Norton, '03, Forrest City, Ark.  
 C. C. Ramsey, '03, Camden, Ark.  
 W. F. Reichart, '03, Little Rock, Ark.  
 G. C. Worthley, '03, Helena, Ark.

We are glad to report Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon in a most prosperous condition. The initiation of eight men shows, to some extent, our position. The fact that these men are all of the class of 1903 is due to the sophomore law which has been in force here for the last two years.

We returned but seven men this year and the above speaks well for them. We lost last year, by graduation, E. T. Brown, B. L. Moore and J. L. Hornor. Brown is completing a C. E. course at Cornell University. Moore is located at Altis, Ark., as principal of the Altis High School. Hornor is studying law in Helena, Ark.

In college honors Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon is not behind. She is represented on the varsity eleven by two men; Brother Vincenhellar, captain, and Brother Brown, left half. In other lines she has her share of offices.

At the first of the year we gave our annual "possum hunt" and had our usual good time.

This year we are in a chapter-house. We are the first and only

fraternity here to undertake this side of fraternity life, and are more than pleased with the results. We are already experiencing a closer binding of the fraternal tie in our associations one with another, that which goes to make  $\Sigma A E$  what she is meant to be.

Fraternally yours,

F. M. BILLINGS.

### PROVINCE ETA.

Colorado Chi, University of Colorado, Boulder.

#### INITIATES.

Dewey C. Bailey, '04, Denver, Col.

Herbert B. Dwight, '04, Colorado Springs, Col.

George B. Thatcher, '04, Aspen, Col.

The University of Colorado opened September 10th with a large number of students enrolled. Frat material, however, was very scarce. Twelve of our men returned, and we at once set to work sizing up the new men. We held our initiation on two nights, back in the foot-hills on Friday night, October 19th, and on Saturday night, October 27th. We held our banquet on the latter evening.

We are now settled in our new chapter-house. In the house which we formerly occupied we had no facilities for conducting a dining-room, and it was for this reason we moved to our present place. This feature makes life in the frat house very enjoyable.

Beta Theta Pi has granted a charter here and their chapter is now installed. They have some twenty-five men, and bid fair to become a strong rival in a few years' time. There is at present plenty of room for three fraternities here.

We believe we have a very prosperous year before us. Our men are all congenial and enthusiastic for  $\Sigma A E$ . Compared with the chapters of past years our present chapter is rather small, but we have reached the conclusion that this is an element of strength rather than weakness.

We shall, as usual, send our delegate to the convention.

Very fraternally yours,

J. VAUGHAN SICKMAN.

### Colorado Zeta, University of Denver, University Park.

In looking over *THE RECORD* for December, 1899, I see that our E. C. said that it was probably the quietest time in years. That may have been true last year, but it can't be said of this year, for Denver University is on a boom and Colorado Zeta with it. One of the finest set of students that ever entered the University en-

tered this year, and it was also the largest entering class on record. With such material to draw from, it is no wonder that Colorado Zeta is flourishing. We have initiated four men already, have five more pledged, and several good prospects besides. This means that there are now ten active Sigs banded together for mutual benefit. We are congratulating ourselves and are receiving congratulations on our victory over our rival fraternity this year. We secured every man we invited to join us without any serious trouble. It required considerable "rushing" in one or two instances, but we got there. Our reputation among the girls had a great deal to do towards this.

Although there are only a few in our chapter here, talk is already being made for a chapter-house next year. I sincerely hope that by next December Colorado Zeta will be ready to entertain any wandering Sig Alph in a chapter-house.

By the time this letter is published we will probably be organized into a glee club and hard at work. This is something which we intend to use only on special occasions. If the National Convention should come to Denver in 1902, we might be able to entertain them somewhat by this means. We have several other ideas which we intend to put into practice as soon as practicable.

Interest here is already beginning to be worked up over the freshman-sophomore oratorical contest, and we expect to have several Sigs in it. In the matter of honors we have the president of the college debating club, the Y. M. C. A., the oratorical association and the freshman class. That is the extent at present, but we do not intend that it shall remain so.

We expect Brother Mills back with us next term. He was obliged to stop school on account of his health last year.

Yours fraternally,

WALLACE M. BAYLISS.

#### California Alpha, Leland Stanford, Jr., University, Palo Alto.

##### INITIATES.

H. S. Babcock, '04, Denver, Col.

T. G. Hosmer, '04, Palo Alto, Cal.

Walter Misner, '04, Buffalo, N. Y.

J. D. Spreckels, Jr., '04, San Francisco, Cal.

O. A. Wilson, '04, Clinton, Iowa.

At the beginning of college we opened our house with fifteen old men. We regret to have lost by graduation Brothers Bell and Rose. At the close of last semester in May we expected Brother Lanagan to return this year. He came back to stay but for a week, when he accepted a position as teacher in the Belmont school. We also regret that Brother Capp, who affiliated with us last year, has returned to Nebraska; and that Brother Alston was compelled to take out a leave of absence on account of sickness. We are very glad to have with us this year as an affiliate Brother Baldwin of New York Alpha.

From a class of three hundred and eighty-eight freshmen, of which there was no great amount of good fraternity material, we initiated five men.

Never in the history of our chapter have we had so many alumni come down from the city to an initiation, showing the interest which the association formed last year has aroused.

Brother Stewart is captain of the track team; Brother Parkin is manager of the musical clubs. We have five men on the mandolin club, and two men have good prospects for the football team.

A part of the frieze on the Memorial Arch, which was designed by St. Gaudens, has been finished. The new chapel is rapidly nearing completion, while the chemistry and science buildings are now well under way. The law school has been put on the graduation basis. It is the intention of the faculty to make this one of the strongest departments, as well as the best law school in the West. On account of the excellent work of our new coach, Yost of Lafayette, we are looking forward to the game on Thanksgiving with great hopes of success.

Very fraternally,

ROY KEITH.

California Beta, University of California, Berkeley.

#### INITIATES.

Carl Jones, '03, Grass Valley, Cal.

Theodore Watson, '04, San Francisco, Cal.

Thaddeus Rowland, '04.

The new college year at California has opened bright with prospects for our chapter. When we all returned to the college town in the middle of August, we found that eleven of our old number were back and ready for the fall rushing. The present freshman class was very barren of material, but after several weeks of sharp strife with our rivals we succeeded in landing three men. Besides these we have three pledged men who enter at Christmas.

At our initiation, besides a number of our alumni who were present, we had representatives from three other chapters of the fraternity—Stanford, Cornell and Ann Arbor. This unusual circumstance for us, isolated out here in the shadow of the Golden Gate did much to inspire us with the sense of the nationality of our order, and had a beneficial effect upon the newly-created members. In connection with initiation, there has been some talk between our chapter and our sister chapter at Stanford of having the big Auburndale joint initiation, of which we read so much in *THE RECORD*, reproduced in miniature in San Francisco.

We consider that the path of our chapter for the next year is brighter than it has ever been before. Although we are one of the comparatively newcomers in the Greek world here, we pride ourselves upon the fact that we are as well recognized as any of our older contemporaries. A house-building fund, which has been inaugurated by the chapter and vigorously sustained by our alumni, is a long step, we feel, in the right direction. And what with our brothers in Colorado, our big neighbor chapter in Stanford, and our newly organized Alumni Association in San Francisco, we feel that Σ A E need not be ashamed of her representation on the Pacific coast.

Our university seems to have made a great stride in the year just passed, and to be still very much on the move. The exploiting of the Bernard plans for the greater university has done much to bring our institution before the eyes of the East and South, with

a result that we now have an enrollment of students as large as two of the Big Four on the Atlantic seaboard. One accompaniment of our growth, however, which is not altogether favorably received by one portion of the college at least, is the startling increase in the percentage of "coeds," which was forty-eight in the incoming class.

The growth of the university seems to have been favorable to fraternity conditions, for within the last half year four national organizations have appeared here: A T Ω, Θ Δ X, Δ Δ Δ, Π B Φ. We now have almost as many Greek societies as Cornell.

Hoping that all of our sister chapters in the East and South will find the new year a prosperous one for the advancement of our fraternity, I am

Fraternally in Σ A E,

ROBERT W. RITCHIE.

### PROVINCE THETA.

Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

#### INITIATES.

R. Powell Crichton, Minden, La.

W. A. Gorham, Lake Charles, La.

Oswald W. McNeese, Lake Charles, La.

Louisiana Epsilon has started out as prosperously as we could wish. For awhile it looked as if we should have a small chapter, as we had lost three men by graduation—Brothers T. M. Davis, J. B. Sanford and G. B. Le Seur—and four men by their failure to return. Since the opening of school, however, we have initiated several men, and we now have a flourishing chapter of eighteen men.

We have received the following (military) promotions: Schwing is first lieutenant and adjutant, J. O. Pratt is second lieutenant, Mills is first sergeant, Chaffee is second sergeant, Cole third sergeant, G. Pratt fourth sergeant, and Gorham, Mortimer, G. W. Hardin and L. R. Graham are corporals.

We captured the presidency of the German club, electing Brother Cantzon. The business manager and assistant business manager of "Gumbo," our annual, are G. W. Hardin and H. F. Cantzon. On the varsity football team we have five men and the captain, Brother Schwing.

We are finding out what a vast difference a chapter-house makes. The men are more congenial, and are taking a great deal more interest in the fraternity than ever before.

We look forward to the Boston convention in the hopes of sending one or more boys.

Yours fraternally,

LEWIS R. GRAHAM.

Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans.

#### INITIATES.

Joseph Redhead, Medical School.

Roy B. Thomson, '03.

Henry B. Dart, Jr., '03.

Hamilton Hogsett, '04.

Emile LaFebvre, '04.

William Leake, '04.



Tau-Upsilon began the session of 1900-'01 with ten energetic members, prepared to promote the interests of Sigma Alpha Epsilon to the best of their ability.

Since the last letter from our chapter six new men have been initiated, the last three as the result of this year's "rushing season." In addition to these we have already pledged several men who will enter college next session, and at present have our eyes on several Σ A E's, graduates of other universities, now in the medical department.

By last session's graduating class three of our men went forth to fight the battle of life: Paul F. Jahncke, M. F. Thomson, and Robert Conniff. It is with regret, also, that we announce the loss of Brother J. B. Dillard, '00, who having successfully passed his entrance examinations, has entered West Point.

Of collegiate honors we have this session, as usual, a good share, Sigma Alpha Epsilon being represented on the *Olive and Blue* by one member of the editorial staff, by the business manager, and by the assistant business manager, by the president of the Academic Board and senior class, and by the vice-president and the secretary of the sophomore class. In athletics we have so far but one man on the football team; but as the eleven have not yet been permanently chosen, there is a hope that we shall be better represented.

Under the administration of Dr. Alderman, Tulane has made rapid strides towards the goal of success, and it is the intention as well as the desire of Tau-Upsilon to take a large part in helping her on her path to glory.

Fraternally,  
HENRY P. DART, JR.

### Texas Rho, University of Texas, Austin.

#### INITIATES.

E. C. Connor, Dallas, Texas.  
Joel J. Samuell, Dallas, Texas.  
Melvern Shaver, Austin, Texas.

Since last writing things have been very interesting for Rho chapter, and she has been taking quite a part in affairs at the University of Texas. All brothers of last year are back, except J. P. Smith of Mexia, and Glover C. Johnson of Corsicana, both of whom hope to return during the Christmas vacation.

Of our recent initiates Brothers Connor and Samuell both promise much for us in the athletic world, and Brother Shaver is a man of marked literary ability.

The Province Convention of Province Theta will be held in Austin on the first and second days of November, and we extend a hearty invitation to all "Sigs" that may be within "hailing distance" at that time to come help us make it a glorious success. We promise to make it well worth while and an event in Sigdom never to be forgotten by those that attend.

At the present time all "Texas" is rejoicing over her decisive victory over Vanderbilt on the 13th inst., at Dallas, by the score of 22 to 0; and hopes to do almost as well in her coming game with Missouri.

Hoping that all brother chapters have been as successful as Rho.

Fraternally,  
D. K. WOODWARD.

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**DEPARTMENT E. S. A.**

During the year 1899, twenty chapters published letters setting forth their condition and standing at their respective colleges. This year to date there have been thirty-two published and no reason exists why every chapter should not issue one before the year is over.

It has been argued that these annual letters are useless, or that the letters in the RECORD cover the ground, and this department has been the recipient of a number of letters inquiring whether it would be worth the time of the E. C. to publish one.

It most assuredly is, and furthermore, it is his duty as an officer of the fraternity to see that his chapter keeps in touch with the other chapters. A great many points of interest may be stated in a private letter which could not be mentioned in the RECORD. The RECORD is public property, and a magazine of which we are justly proud, and the editor is frequently compelled to clip letters in order to make them meet this end.

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The time for the national convention is drawing near, and now while everything is quiet the chapters should appoint committees on "ways and means of sending a delegate."

Since the biennial system of holding national conventions has been inaugurated the E. S. T. has been enabled to pay the railroad fare of the delegates, thus bringing the total expense to a minimum. Through the management of the local committee the hotel bill is reduced to a very small amount and the entertainments usually amount to about five dollars. If every chapter therefore will assess its members fifty cents per month during the vacation period, enough money may be raised to defray the expenses of a delegate. This is a matter that should be attended to now. Every chapter must contrive some means by which it may have a representative at Boston. The men of Alpha Province have pledged themselves to make the convention a success. They simply ask that each chapter send a delegate.

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Below we publish portions of the minutes of the conventions held in Province Alpha and Epsilon respectively. Both are in splendid condition.

### THIRD BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF PROVINCE ALPHA.

The third biennial convention of Province Alpha was called to order by President Stetson at 10:30 o'clock in the rooms of Massachusetts Gamma, Cambridge.

The credentials committee reported the following delegates present and entitled to a vote :

President James A. Stetson.

Massachusetts Beta—Upsilon—E. Sargent Cox, E. A., Frank J. Humphrey, Frank G. Brown, P. I. Lombard.

Massachusetts Iota—Tau—Charles M. Fosdick, E. A., Fred H. Cooke, Leslie W. Millar, King H. Knox.

Massachusetts Gamma—Horace F. Baker, E. A., Raymond A. Bidwell, Samuel P. Goddard, John C. Myers.

Massachusetts Delta—George E. Williamson, E. A.,

Robert F. Coggeshall, Charles G. Sherman, John B. Wird.

Connecticut Alpha—Augustine H. Anderson (2 votes.)

Past Province Presidents—Charles C. Long, Howard P. Nash, Dr. Edward Mellus, Louis A. Hall.

(After the adoption of the report of the committee on By-Laws, Brother Robert C. Allen, editor of the Province Alpha Annual, was given a vote.) Total 24.

In the absence of Brother Marden, province secretary, Brother Knox was asked to act as secretary pro tem.

All reports made are on file with the secretary and in this report of the convention only a synopsis is given of the important reports.

The report of the secretary and treasurer showed the Province to be in a flourishing condition, over one hundred new men having been taken in since the last Province convention. The financial condition also is good, there being, after all bills have been taken into account, \$19.94 to the credit of the Province.

The following committees were appointed :

Credentials—E. S. Cox, chairman ; J. A. Stetson.

Resolutions—L. A. Hall, chairman ; F. H. Cooke, P. I. Lombard.

State of Province—H. F. Baker, chairman ; L. W. Millar, R. F. Coggeshall, F. G. Brown, A. H. W. Anderson.

Finance—C. M. Fosdick, chairman ; F. J. Humphrey.

Convention Photograph—S. P. Goddard.

1900 Convention—King H. Knox, chairman ; R. A. Bidwell, C. G. Sherman.

By-Laws—G. E. Williamson, chairman ; C. C. Long, A. H. W. Anderson.

Petition of University of Maine—E. Mellus, chairman ; S. P. Goddard, J. B. Miard, F. J. Humphrey.

Brother Hall was called to the chair by the president,

who read his report on the important Province functions during the last two years. These assemblies, such as the Auburndale banquets, the Alumni dinners, interchapter initiations and athletic contests and the McKinley reception, have tended to make the Province like one large and powerful chapter, and have brought internal conditions up to a high standard. The president in his report also reviewed the facts concerning the petition from Iota—Phi at the University of Maine, and finally most favorably commented on the enthusiasm and interest shown by both active members and alumni in the coming National Convention. All indications seem to point to a successful gathering next December.

The following are extracts from the accepted report of the committee on resolutions :

Be it resolved : "We herewith renew our pledges to make the National Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, to be held in Boston in December, 1900, a success, and urge each chapter in this Province to continue its efforts to secure enthusiasm among our brothers, so that a welcome to the visiting delegates, not to be forgotten, shall be assured."

Be it resolved : "That it is the sense of this convention that the present form of Phi Alpha is extremely undesirable and that the convention is in favor of restoring it to its old form."

The report on the state of the Province showed that all chapters, with one exception, were in good condition.

Massachusetts Beta—Upsilon has maintained an average membership of about thirty, has paid off large outstanding debts, and now occupies large, comfortable rooms, entirely free from debts of any kind.

Massachusetts Iota—Tau has increased its membership from fifteen two years ago to twenty-seven at present, and has rented and furnished a large four-story house,

which it now occupies. Its present indebtedness is less than \$50.

Massachusetts Gamma, too, has done good work, and has maintained during the past two years the large chapters necessitated by the conditions at Harvard. It occupies elegantly furnished rooms but a short distance from the University, and is one of the strongest chapters in the Province.

Massachusetts Delta has made a most excellent and commendable step in the building of a large chapter-house where most of the men live. The alumni are supporting them strongly and the debt incurred is being gradually but surely paid off.

Affairs at Connecticut Alpha are in a most deplorable condition. There are at present but four men in the chapter which has to compete with old, well located fraternities, and it will be only by the greatest exertions that the chapter can be kept alive. The chapter is practically isolated from the other New England chapters, and it is hoped that all chapters will show interest in the gallant fight now being made at Trinity, and that they will write letters of encouragement to sustain and help our brothers in their struggle for existence.

The finance committee reported the statement of the treasurer to be correct and made some recommendations regarding Province expenditures.

The committee on the 1900 convention reported much enthusiasm among the chapters and alumni, financially and otherwise. The convention funds started by the several chapters two years ago have already reached considerable proportions, and several alumni have volunteered financial aid.

The committee submitted detailed plans for the entertainment of the delegates, and the following method of government was adopted :

"That there be a committee consisting of the president of Province Alpha and a representative appointed by him from each chapter and the Boston Alumni Association, and ratified by the respective chapters. This committee to have absolute power in managing the reception of the delegates and in expending the convention funds. This committee shall make a detailed report of its expenditures to each chapter not later than January 15, 1900."

The committee on By-Laws recommended the following amendments which were adopted (condensed for this report):

1. That the editor of the *Province Annual*, who is now a member of the Province Council, have a vote in the Province Convention.

2. That all Alumni Associations in Province Alpha entitled to a vote in the National Convention shall be entitled to a vote in the Province Convention.

The most important change related to the publishing of the *Province Annual*, and was as follows :

"That the expense of publishing the *Province Annual* shall be decided by the Province Council each year, which sum shall be apportioned among the chapters of the Province according to the number of copies required by each chapter."

The secretary read the following :

"DENVER, March 16, 1900.

"James A. Stetson, Province President : Fraternal greetings. May convention be foretaste of Boston nineteen hundred.  
GEORGE D. KIMBALL."

The report of the committee on the University of Maine extension so well expresses the stand of Province Alpha on this important question, that it is inserted in full.

#### REPORT.

The committee on University of Maine petition beg leave to submit the following report :

The last charter granted by the Fraternity to Province Alpha was that of Massachusetts Delta, at the Pittsburg Convention in 1893. Since that time eight new charters have been granted—two in Beta Province, two in Delta and one each in Epsilon, Zeta, Eta and Theta Provinces. Seven charters have been surrendered—two in Beta, four in Gamma and one in Zeta. Three chapters have been re-established—two in Beta and one in Theta. Alpha Province is alone in having neither lost nor gained a chapter since the Pittsburg Convention.

In view of the above facts and of the good work done in the Province towards internal improvement during the past six years, any request for a charter endorsed by the vote of the Province Alpha Convention should be, and probably will be, granted by the National Convention to be held in Boston in 1900.

Your committee, therefore, recommends that Province Alpha, in convention assembled, record its vote in favor of granting a charter to the local society, known as Iota Phi at the University of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

EDWARD MELLUS, Chairman,

FRANK JONES HUMPHREY.

The vote on the acceptance of the report, which the chair ruled was merely an expression of the opinion of Province Alpha towards endorsing the petition from Iota Phi, stood as follows :

Ayes, 17; nays, 5; not voting, 2.

The following officers were unanimously chosen :

President, James A. Stetson ; Vice-President, Raymond A. Bidwell ; Secretary and Treasurer, King H. Knox ; Editor of Annual, Charles G. Sherman.

The convention then adjourned sine die.

JAMES A. STETSON,

KING H. KNOX,

Province President.

Secretary and Treasurer.



## THIRD BIENNIAL CONVENTION PROVINCE

EPSILON, S. A. E. FRATERNITY,

KNOXVILLE, TENN., DEC. 28-29th, 1899.

FIRST SESSION, THURSDAY, DEC. 28TH, 1899.

The convention was called to order at 10:55 A. M. in the Hotel Imperial by President F. A. Gamble. Brother Geo. D. Booth was appointed secretary pro tem. Brothers W. J. Evans, C. J. Wright and T. I. Gibson were appointed a committee on Permanent Organization.

The following delegates were enrolled:—

Kentucky Kappa.....	C. J. Wright.
Tennessee Kappa.....	J. B. Stanley.
Tennessee Kappa.....	H. T. Herring.
Tennessee Kappa.....	T. I. Gibson
Tennessee Kappa, E. A.....	T. R. Cornick, Jr.
Tennessee Zeta.....	Geo. D. Booth.
Tennessee Eta.....	W. J. Evans.
Alabama Mu.....	Jno. O. Ely.
Province President.....	F. A. Gamble.

President Gamble then read his bi-annual report (Exhibit A), after which a recess of five minutes was taken. When the meeting was called to order the Committee on Permanent Organization made its report (Exhibit B), which, on motion of Brother Cornick, was adopted.

The President then announced the Standing Committees (Exhibit C). Brother Cornick made a few remarks concerning a test grip, which matter was referred to the Committee on the State of the Province.

Verbal reports made from the following chapters:

Tennessee Kappa.....	by Brother T. R. Cornick, Jr.
Kentucky Kappa.....	by Brother C. J. Wright.
Alabama Mu.....	by Brother Jno. O Ely.
Tennessee Eta.....	by W. J. Evans.

Tennessee Zeta . . . . . by Geo. D. Booth.

Alabama Iota . . . . . by F. A. Gamble.

A telegram of greeting was read from E. S. D. A. Geo. D. Kimball (Exhibit D). On motion convention adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

SECOND SESSION, THURSDAY, DEC. 28TH, 1899.

Convention was called to order at 2:50 by President Gamble. Committee on Time and Place of next meeting made a report (Exhibit E). Motion was carried to substitute in the report 26-27 for 27-28, and the report as amended was adopted. No other committees being ready to report, the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock the next day.

THIRD SESSION, FRIDAY, DEC. 29TH, 1899.

Meeting called to order by the President at 10:25 A. M. Minutes of two previous sessions read and approved. Telegram of greeting from Brother Gracey H. Luckett was read (Exhibit F). Brother W. H. Newman was enrolled as delegate from the Knoxville Alumni Association. The committee on State of Province made its report (Exhibit G) which was taken up, seriatim and each section was adopted as read, and on motion the whole report was adopted.

The Committee on Publications made a report (Exhibit H), which was adopted by sections and then as a whole.

Committee on By-Laws and Finance reported (Exhibit J). The report was adopted by sections, and then in its entirety.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted a resolution of thanks (Exhibit K), which was unanimously adopted.

Committee on State of Province made an additional report (Exhibit L), which was adopted. The Convention then elected the following officers by acclamation:

F. A. Gamble.....President.

T. R. Cornick, Jr.....Vice-President.

Geo. D. Booth.....Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion of Brother Herring, the Secretary and Treasurer was made editor-in-chief of the Annual Catalogue. There being no further business, the President declared the Convention adjourned to meet in Birmingham, Alabama, December 26-27, 1900.

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*Exhibit A.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Exhibit B.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

We, your committee on permanent organization, beg leave to report as follows :

We recommend that the convention hold two daily sessions as follows : Thursday, Dec. 28th, at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., and Friday, Dec. 29th at 10 a. m. and at 9:30 p. m., the last being the regular bi-annual banquet of the Province convention. We recommend that all sessions be held at the Hotel Imperial in the rooms already assigned for this purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. O. ELY,  
W. J. EVANS,  
Committee.

*Exhibit C.*

COMMITTEES.

*State of the Province*—T. R. Cornick, Jr., T. I. Gibson.

*Bylaws and Finance*—C. J. Wright, H. J. Herring.

*Publications*—Geo. D. Booth, J. R. Stanley.

*Time and Place for Next Meeting*—J. O. Ely, W. J. Evans.

*Permanent Organization*—W. J. Evans, C. J. Wright,  
T. I. Gibson.

*Resolutions*—George D. Booth, J. O. Ely.

*Exhibit D.*

DENVER, COL., December 27, 1899.

*To T. B. Cornick, Jr. Knoxville, Tenn.*

(Greeting to Epsilon Convention, May, Nashville, ninety-eight, be duplicated.)

GEO. D. KIMBALL,

*Exhibit E.*

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

We, your committee on time and place of next meeting, respectfully recommend that the next Convention of Province Epsilon be held at Birmingham, Alabama, on December 27 and 28, 1901.

J. O. ELY,

W. J. EVANS.

Amended by substituting 26-27 for 27-28.

*Exhibit F.*

CLARKSVILLE, TENN., December 28th, 1899.

*To Sigma Alpha Epsilon Convention, Knoxville, Tenn. :*

Success to Convention ; wish I were with you.

Fraternally,

GRACEY H. LUCKETT.

*Exhibit G.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF PROVINCE.

We, your committee on State of Province, beg leave to report as follows : We have heard and gone over the President's report, and we not only find it correct, but although his administration has been short, it has been well planned and carried out. We beg leave to report further, that, although nothing of the kind has ever been

done in the South, we think it advisable, whenever practicable, for all chapters in our province to hold what may be termed State gatherings, in order that the chapters of each State may become much better acquainted with each other, and that when practicable two or more chapters hold joint initiations and banquets. We also think it advisable that this province petition the next National convention for a test grip, to be used before our regular grip is ever given.

Respectfully submitted,

TULLY R. CORNICK, Jr.,

THOS. S. GIBSON.

*Exhibit H.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

*To Province Epsilon Convention:* Your Committee on Publications submit the following recommendations:

1st. That this province issue an annual catalogue similar to that issued by Province Alpha.

2d. That this convention elect an editor-in-chief who shall have entire charge of this work.

3d. That each chapter in the province, except that from which the editor-in-chief is chosen, shall immediately elect an editor who shall, under the direction of the editor-in-chief, collect all the necessary data concerning the chapter

4th. That the expense of this catalogue shall be paid out of the Province Treasury.

5th. That the number of copies published shall be sufficient to give one copy to each chapter in the Fraternity, one to each member of the Supreme Council, and one to each active and Alumnus Member in the Province.

6th. We recommend the passage by this convention of the appended resolution concerning the Phi Alpha.

7th. We further recommend that chapter correspondents be urged to be faithful to their duties and always have a letter in the *Record*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. D. BOOTH,  
J. B. STANLEY.

*Exhibit I.*

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The last National Convention reduced the size of the Phi Alpha, making it simply an official bulletin; and

Whereas, We believe that this prevents the discussion of many vital questions which could not be discussed in the *Record*; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we most earnestly recommend to the next National Convention that Phi Alpha be restored to its former size and plan.

*Exhibit J.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS AND FINANCE.

We, your committee on by-laws and finances, beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. We recommend that each chapter pay to the Province Treasurer fifty cents per year for every active member of the chapter. This amount shall be due and payable on or before Jan. 1st of each year. But if a man is initiated after Jan. 1st and before the close of the session, he shall pay fifty cents at the time of initiation to the Province Treasurer.

2d. We recommend that the expenses of the Province President, to the Province Convention be paid out of the Province Treasury.

3d. We recommend that the Treasurer have the by-laws printed and three copies sent to the Province President and three to every chapter in the Province.

4th. We recommend that on Nov. 1st and April 1st of each year the E. C. of each chapter be required to send to the Province President and Secretary-Treasurer a report similar to that sent to the E. S. R., the blanks for such report to be furnished by the Province President.

5th. We recommend that every chapter failing to have at least one delegate at the Province Convention, without a sufficient excuse, be fined \$5.

6th. We recommend that every Alumni Association within the Province be allowed one delegate to the Province Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the committee.

HARRY T. HERRING,  
C. J. WRIGHT.

*Exhibit K.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following resolution:

Whereas, The Members of Tennessee Kappa of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Members of the Knoxville Alumni Association have left nothing undone to make the third Biennial Convention of Province Epsilon a success in every way, and have bended their energies to make it pleasant for the visiting brothers;

Therefore, be it resolved that this Convention put on record its heart felt gratitude to these brothers for their kindness, and assure them that we will ever cherish them in our hearts as true and loyal brothers worthy to worship at the shrine of Minerva.

GEO. D. BOOTH,  
J. O. ELY,  
Committee.

*Exhibit L.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT COMMITTEE ON STATE OF  
PROVINCE.**

We, your committee on State of Province, beg to make the additional report : That all province officers, when not able to attend the conventions, be requested to write out and file with the President such report as said officers may require.

T. R. CORNICK, Jr.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the proceedings of the convention.

GEO. D. BOOTH,  
Secretary.



## DEPARTMENT OF THE RECORD.

First of all, I wish to thank all those who have helped me to get out my first issue of the *Record*. I was sorry that it was somewhat late, and will endeavor in the next numbers to remedy that fault. In order for the *Record* to appear on time, however, the chapters must elect men as correspondents who will do their duty. It makes me feel envious to see the last number of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, with fifty-two chapters on the rolls and fifty-two chapter letters in the magazine. Is there any reason why Sigma Alpha Epsilon can't do as well? I cannot remember a number of the *Record* where all the chapters were represented by letters. Just let all the chapters take a little pride in this matter, and see to it that their correspondents do their duty.

In another way the *Record* is behind the standard set by other fraternity magazines. In the March number of the *Theta Delta Chi Shield*, the statement is made that the *Shield* has three hundred and forty-nine alumni subscribers. At the present time the *Record* has one hundred and ninety-two alumni subscribers, forty-four of whom have been secured during the last three months. I find that it is extremely easy to obtain new subscribers with a little personal work. Almost any alumnus is glad to subscribe if he is asked. Now there is no reason in the world why we cannot have five hundred alumni subscribers instead of less than two hundred, and then we would not have to whisper this quietly in the Phi Alpha because we are ashamed to have it appear in the *Record*. Take a look at the record of the alumni of Massachusetts Delta. Though this chapter was not established until 1894 and has only the comparatively small number of fifty-six

alumni, it sends in twenty-three alumni subscriptions to the *Record*. You can figure for yourselves what would be the subscription list if each of our fifty-six chapters had as many alumni subscribers as has Massachusetts Delta.

If an average from each chapter of three men from the class graduating this coming June will send in their subscriptions, we shall have more than *Theta Delta Chi*, which I have mentioned as a model.

Now as this number of Phi Alpha will be too late for instructions for the May *Record*, I will give a few directions for the September issue. Nearly all the chapters will have elected new correspondents, so let the correspondents now in office remember that I cannot know who are their successors by simple intuition. Let me know who are your successors, and their summer addresses, and be sure that they fully understand what is required of them. Chapter letters should be in my hands by August 15th. As I announced in the last *Record*, if the letters do not come the *Record* will go to press without them. Write only on one side of the paper, and do not brag or say hard things about other fraternities. My summer address is the same as usual, 18 Boynton street, Worcester, Mass.

Fraternally,

## DEPARTMENT E. S. T.

### ARTICLE IV. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

**SECTION 1.** Each chapter shall, on the first day of March of each year, pay into the general treasury the sum of six (6) dollars.

**SEC. 2.** Each chapter shall be subject to a per capita tax of five dollars per annum on each and every member in good standing. The tax shall be payable on all men in the chapter on the 15th day of November and the 15th day of March, and shall be forwarded on these dates to the Eminent Supreme Treasurer.

**SEC. 3.** Each chapter shall pay into the general treasury the sum of five (5) dollars for each and every initiate. This payment entitles the initiate to an official badge to be forwarded by Eminent Supreme Treasurer. Such payment shall not exempt the chapter from the per capita tax on these members.

The E. S. T. furnishes the chapters with blank forms to be used in making these semi-annual reports. He also supplies the E. T.'s with blanks which he desires them to use in reporting initiates. The E. T.'s are expected and specially requested to report initiates promptly.

We all meet with discouragements. Even the E. S. T. is not exempt. The response of the E. T.'s to his request of March 6th, asking that all chapters send in their reports by the fifteenth, proved a severe blow to his fund of enthusiasm, and leads him to fear that Nineteen Hundred will not mean as much to Sigma Alpha Epsilon as he had hoped.

Really an appeal was made for promptness, as the duties of the E. S. T. are very exacting, and delay in receiving reports as to spring dues makes additional demands upon his time. Something is wrong when nearly a month has passed and the following chapters have not been heard from: Georgia Beta, Indiana Alpha, Kentucky Kappa, Louisiana Tau Upsilon, Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Mississippi Gamma, Nebraska Lambda—Pi, Ohio

Theta, Ohio Sigma, Pennsylvania Zeta, Tennessee Nu and Virginia Omicron. I realize that the treasurer has probably the most disagreeable office to fulfill in the gift of the chapter, but by the faithful performance of duty he can mean more to the life of the chapter than any one man connected with it. When a man accepts the office of E. T. he virtually pledges himself to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability. Now making certain reports to the E. S. T. is part of the duty of an E. T., and when we consider the simplicity of these reports and the fact that for over a year the present E. S. T. has urged the importance of making prompt reports, we are forced to condemn the deplorable negligence of some of our treasurers.

Of course we know what an E. T. has often to contend with. How hard it is to make some men realize that fraternity obligations are any obligations at all. How it is almost impossible for him to create a sentiment in his chapter that a man's obligations to his fraternity are most binding and should be met first. How the treasurer is often forced to numerous personal interviews before he can collect the money due the chapter. So when a check fails to arrive when promised the E. S. T. is probably too ready to excuse, but there can be no excuse for such treatment as the E. S. T. sometimes receives at the hands of an E. T. Certainly the principles that are recognized in business should not be discarded. A report one month late and unanswered letters from an officer are not only inconsistent with business, but the least consideration for each other would require us to answer letters.

Well, I am done with a disagreeable subject, and am glad to turn to the Honor Roll, and although not as long as it should be, it is most gratifying to know that most of our chapters are growing more and more anxious to

claim a place upon this roll, and that checks for spring dues from several of our chapters were received long before March fifteenth. With one or two exceptions every chapter could, with a little effort, be upon this roll. Let our E. T.'s see to it that the effort is made.

## HONOR ROLL:

Alabama Iota,	Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon,
Georgia Epsilon,	Georgia Psi,
Massachusetts Iota-Tau,	Missouri Alpha,
New York Sigma-Phi,	South Carolina Gamma,
Tennessee Kappa,	Tennessee Omega,
	Texas Rho.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, APRIL 1, 1900.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Chattanooga National Bank 3% certificates	\$ 5,000 00
Cash on hand and in bank	1,390 40
*Chapter accounts due Fraternity	3,977 67
Expenditures—	
E. S. A. salary	400 00
Typewriting account E. S. A.	8 40
E. S. T. salary	2 00
E. S. R. salary	2 00
Typewriting account E. S. R.	12 00
Editor of Record salary	2 00
Manual	18 87
Visitation	250 24
Record	998 37
Phi Alpha	233 78
Expense	1,236 10—\$14,125 83

## CREDITS.

Amount due chapters by Fraternity	\$ 7,000 00
*S. A. E. general account (amounts charged for initiations, dues, fees, etc.)	13,874 23
Badge account	126 10
Interest received from investments	55 50—\$14,125 83

## RESOURCES.

Chattanooga National Bank	\$ 5,000 00
Cash	1,390 40
Chapter account due Fraternity	3,977 67—\$10,368 07

## LIABILITIES.

Amount due chapters (overpaid accounts)	70 00
Present worth of Fraternity	\$10,298 07
April 1, 1900.	G. HENDREE HARRISON, E. S. T.

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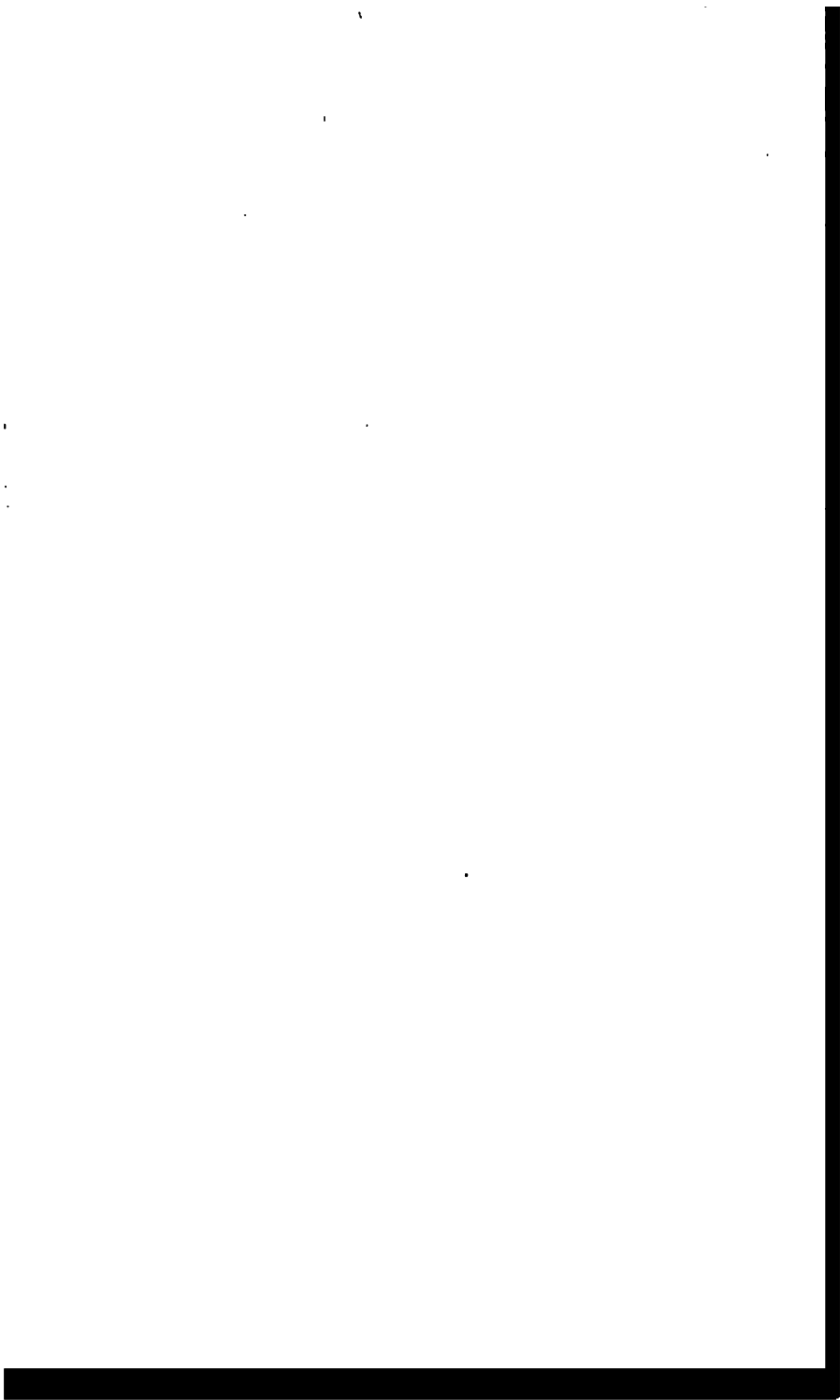
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